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Climbing to the pinnacle

El Cerrito High School's Jovan Harris (center) and Andrew Gooden (right) proclaim their status to the Arco Arena crowd after defeating Acalanes High School of Lafayette 48-41 at Saturday's NorCal Division III title contest. The win moves the Gauchos to the CIF State Championships. See Sports on page B1 for the full story.

Albany moves to regulate landfill

By James Carter

ALBANY — A proposed ordinance that would effectively clear the landfill of people living there as early as June cleared its first hurdle as the City Council approved a heavily amended version of the original proposal Monday.

The original proposal, debated during the last council meeting, was entitled "An Ordinance ... to Provide Regulations for the use of City Parks, Open Space and Recreational Areas." At its March 2 meeting, the council sent the proposal to the Parks and Recreation Commission for discussion and input after members agreed it would affect all parks and open

space in Albany and might have undesired consequences.

Commissioners in turn suggested the ordinance should apply only to the waterfront and sent the council a version where references to parks and open space other than that on the waterfront were struck out. The site, slated to become part of the Eastshore State Park, is currently where a number of homeless people have an encampment.

The commission and city staff also suggested additional modifications to the proposal, including what City Attorney Robert Zweben referred to as amend-

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Redevelopment decision looms

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — There was impassioned rhetoric, heartfelt pleas, an alternate report and some consensus at Monday's City Council study session on redevelopment. The council and the public discussed a Committee of the Whole report that, among other things, recommends that the Redevelopment Agency "suspend activity" for up to four years while it repays its \$780,000 debt to the city. The committee report states the Redevelopment Agency "can no longer continue as it has" and that "extensive discussions" about the agency need to take place in the community. The meeting was

a public-study session and no council action was taken on the matter.

"Redevelopment has always kind of been the rat in the woodpile," that has hindered efforts to reach community consensus, Committee of the Whole Co-Chair Thom Stark told the council. He said the committee realized early on that they would eventually have to "tackle" this difficult issue and decided to address it first. A Financial Review Team subcommittee worked for months on the redevelopment question. Its report was refined and modified and eventually passed overwhelmingly by the general committee earlier this month.

The most controversial Committee of

the Whole recommendation is that the Redevelopment Agency "suspend activity no later than the end of the fiscal year 1998-99" until the debt to the city is repaid.

The report states repayment could take three to four years, but it could occur sooner. Agency bond and note debt and other activities required by state law would continue during this hiatus and the agency could be reactivated if an "extraordinary opportunity" arose. Other recommendations include that the agency "establish improved financial accounting" to track costs on a monthly and project basis and document staff time "to re-

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Residents address hillside lots in general plan session

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Nearly 50 residents attended a public "scoping" meeting last week on the environmental impact report for the city's new General Plan. Many were there to urge the city not to

develop what were described as slide-prone properties above Rogers Court and along Moeser Lane near Sea View Drive. City Planner Edward Phillips facilitated the meeting with the help of consultant Jeff Baird of Baird and Driskell Community Planning.

"The reason we're here tonight," Phillips said to open the meeting, is to focus "on potential environmental consequences of changes that might be made in the city's General Plan." Phillips said that the purpose of the meeting was not to discuss the new General Plan directly, but to discuss "what environmental consequences or impacts may be of concern

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Financial practices written in stone?

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The city will soon have a new and improved General Plan and now a citizen group is debating whether or not it should include a "financial management policies" section.

The Committee of the Whole, empowered by the City Council last April to look into Redevelopment Agency and city finances and infrastructure, discussed the issue earlier this month and will continue the debate this week. The impetus for including such a policy dates back to last July when Committee of the Whole and General Plan Process Team member

Kathleen Perka wrote a letter to committee co-chairs suggesting the addition.

At the March 3 Committee of the Whole meeting, Perka noted that other cities such as Pleasanton, Sunnyvale and Danville have some type of economic or fiscal element in their General Plans.

Alluding to past community efforts such as Project Listen and Neighbor to Neighbor, Perka said the Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole effort is "the third go-round" of citizens studying "the fiscal goings-on in the city."

She noted that the General Plan has to have seven elements concerning such things as transportation, housing and land

management, but nothing precludes El Cerrito from adding more sections if needed.

Perka told the committee this month that 98 California jurisdictions have "written economic development strategy along with fiscal management integrated with their General Plan." She said there are 15 jurisdictions that have "specific fiscal elements" included in their plans.

As of 1996, 187 jurisdictions also have staff who are "dedicated to economic development," Perka reported. She said El Cerrito should consider a similar policy

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

New date for school night

Parents of 8th grade students who reside in Albany are invited to attend the Albany High School 8th Grade Parent Night on Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. at the Little Theatre. At that time, parents of prospective students will receive an overview of the program and procedures for incoming 9th grade students.

Friends of Albany Hill

Friends of Albany Hill will hold its monthly urban forest restoration project on Saturday, March 27 (and April 24), from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the Taft Street turnaround on top of Albany Hill. Wear long sleeves, work gloves, long pants, socks, sturdy shoes. Learn to differentiate native and exotic vegetation from UC botanist Barbara Ertter. Details: Carole Fitzgerald, 528-3236 or Hortensia Chang, 526-8369.

ECDC meeting

The El Cerrito Democratic Club meets Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury, across from El Cerrito High School. The theme is "Medicare — Protect, Improve, Expand." Everyone is invited to attend. Details: Rob M. Weber, 524-8142; fax 527-6212; or e-mail RWeber1016@aol.com.

Giola at Sierra Club meet

John Giola, the newly elected Contra Costa County supervisor for District 1 will discuss the environmental issues he will be dealing with this term when the West Contra Costa County Group of the Sierra Club meets on Wednesday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Makamie Hall 545 Ashbury St., El Cerrito. Details: Debbi Landshoff, 233-9733.

All that adult jazz

Albany Adult School is forming a big band jazz group beginning Wed. March 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the AHS band room. Music will include work by Babs Fano, John Coltrane and Arturo Sandoval. Details: 559-6580.

Don't shoot yourself in the foot

Firearms historian and safety expert Roy Marcot will show his (unloaded) gun collection and tell how different weapons are used to make us more knowledgeable as writers and readers of mysteries at the Sunday, March 21 meeting of the Northern California Chapter of Sisters in Crime. The meeting will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Albany Public Library. Marcot, who has published a history of the Remington Arms company, will circulate some of his extensive firearms collection so audience members can get a feel for the differences between guns. The public is welcome. Membership to Sisters in Crime is open to anyone who has an interest in the mystery genre. Details: contact chapter president, Lora Roberts via e-mail at mylora@hooked.net.

Cougar Field plan

The Albany Unified School District Board of Education will conduct a public hearing at a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m., to discuss the Cougar Field Master Plan and renovation issues. The meeting will be in the Albany High School Little Theater (Fine Arts Building), 603 Key Route Blvd. A second board public hearing on the plan is set for Wednesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. also in the Albany High School Little Theater. Staff, students, parents and community comment are

invited.

KARW luncheon

Diane Longshore from state Sen. Richard Rainey's office will speak about the "money grab" and what the legislature is doing about re-instituting tax monies to the cities and counties at the Kensington Area Republican Women's Club monthly luncheon meeting at Mira Vista Country Club, 2900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito on March 24. Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. and social hour is at noon. For reservations call Betty Christopher, 237-4152, 2036 Tamalpais Rd., El Cerrito. Lunch is \$10 per person. The reservation deadline is March 20, but sometimes last minute calls may be taken on Monday before the event.

Fiddle camp

Does your child play violin? "fiddlekicks" is a summer camp for children ages 7-13, a fun-filled day-camp devoted to traditional fiddle music. Children explore Appalachian and Irish fiddle styles through tunes, songs, dance and music crafts, with three extraordinary fiddle teachers. The final day of camp culminates with a performance extravaganza. fiddlekicks will be held June 21-25, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Prospect Sierra School, Tapscott Campus, in El Cerrito. For a brochure or more information Details: Bobbi Shearn Nikles, 235-0370.

Income tax form help

Seniors can get help with federal and state income tax forms at El Cerrito's Open House Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. Assistance is free, although donations to the center are gladly accepted. Appointments: 215-4342.

Vandals with bricks wreak havoc

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the morning of March 8 Albany officers, while on routine patrol, observed a green '86 Acura that had the rear hatch open. Upon investigation, they discovered that thieves had broken into the vehicle and stole items. They notified the owner of the car, gathered evidence and are investigating further.

■ On the afternoon of March 8 a resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that the previous evening thieves stole the rear license plate from her car parked in front of her residence.

■ On the morning of March 9 a teacher at Albany High School reported that thieves had stolen equipment from the weight room over the weekend. There were no witnesses. A couple days later officers received a call from a resident who had seen the missing weight equipment in the back of a car on the 600 block of Garfield Street. Upon investigation the officers spoke with the owner of the car who said that he had purchased the equipment from a private party. Police will continue the investigation.

■ On the afternoon of March 9 a resident on the 1000 block of Pomona Avenue reported that vandals had broken into her detached garage during the day and did a messy party. There appeared to be nothing taken.

■ On the morning of March 10 a volunteer at the Senior Center on the 800 block of Masonic Avenue reported that vandals had thrown a brick through a window of the center. The same morning an employee at the Community Center on the 1400 block of Marin Avenue (at Masonic Avenue) reported that vandals had thrown a brick through a window of the building.

■ On the morning of March 10

POLICE REPORTS

Albany officers responded to the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard on a report of an abandoned vehicle. A check found that the car had been reported as stolen from Berkeley. The owner of the car was notified and picked up the vehicle.

■ At about noon on March 10 officers responded to Garfield Street on reports of a strange man sleeping inside a white '89 Chevrolet truck belonging to a friend of the caller. Officers contacted the 33-year-old Albany man who was intoxicated. He was also found to have outstanding Albany warrants for domestic violence. He was arrested and transported to the Santa Rita jail.

■ At about 11:15 p.m. on March 10 an Oakland man reported that vandals had slashed all four tires of his blue and white '86 Ford pickup while it was parked on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue.

■ On the morning of March 11 a resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into her red '95 Mitsubishi and stole her stereo.

■ At about 10 p.m. on March 11 Albany officers responded to a 911 call reporting domestic violence with parents. Officers contacted the couple and during questioning the woman hit the man on his face. She was arrested for battery.

■ At about 1 a.m. on March 12 Albany officers stopped a red '88 Honda Civic for a vehicle code violation on the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue. The driver, a 20-year-old Berkeley man, was found to have two outstanding warrants from Berkeley totaling \$2,390 and one from Santa Clara County in the amount of \$5,000. He was arrested and held for Santa

Clara police to pick up

■ On the morning of March 11 a resident on the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that thieves had broken into his gold '96 Toyota Corolla and stolen various items. There were no witnesses. Albany officers stopped a white Toyota Corolla for engine trouble. The driver, a 29-year-old man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested and held for Santa Clara police to pick up.

■ On the afternoon of March 11 Albany officers stopped a white Honda for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 21-year-old man, was found to be intoxicated. No Bail warrant from Santa Clara County for Failure to Appear was issued and held for Santa Clara police to pick up.

■ On the evening of March 11 a security at Golden Gate Fields observing a man smoking in the parking lot. Officers stopped a 41-year-old man and searched him. A check found that the man had an outstanding warrant from San Francisco in the amount of \$312. He was arrested.

■ At about 11 p.m. on March 11 Albany officers responded to a block of Madison Street on reports of a group of noisy people. A group of three in a '92 all had been drinking. The 16-year-old Richmond man was intoxicated and was arrested, to be released when the other two occupants of the year-old San Pablo girl were intoxicated and were released. Parents with a Notice to Appear were arrested him for the double

Focus on Solano Copy Center

By Roxanne Wiley

Louis Jauregui has owned Solano Copy Center for over 10 years. This thriving little beehive can process a plethora of office functions, from copying, folding, stuffing, shipping, padding, binding to designing business cards, brochures, flyers, newsletters, even books. He offers self-service and full service desktop publishing, with state of the art Macintosh and IBM compatible computers and laser printers, audio and video duplication and the newest addition to his services, copying CD's. All the above functions are offered at very reasonable and competitive fees.

His right hand is his daughter, Anna Navarro, who has been working with her father for two years. Both of these nice people are a pleasure to be around and no job is too difficult or too small. Solano Copy Center is located at 1185 Solano Ave. and the telephone is 527-1111.

Albany mixer

On March 24, there will be another great mixer at Golden Gate Fields. Please do not miss this joint effort of Golden Gate Fields and the Albany Chamber to celebrate not only the opening of the 1999 spring season of thoroughbred racing but to also announce the new Citizen of the Year. This award is very special in that it offers the community a way of honoring those special people whom unselfishly volunteer their time to benefit the organization closest to their heart.

The winning citizen will also be feted at the Albany Day at the Races on April 24, with a race named after her/him. So, members, be there for good food, drink, a great view and most of all, camaraderie.

ALBANY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Spring coloring contest

Boys and girls get ready! It is almost time for the annual Spring Coloring Contest! Hills Newspapers, The Albany Chamber of Commerce and the City of Albany sponsor the contest. Winners will receive prizes and the artwork will be displayed in the Chamber of Commerce windows. The Coloring Contest Entry Form and will be in the March 25 and April 1, issues of The Journal.

Brass Horse update

As I promised, here is a recap of the hottest doll news out of New York Doll show held this February. Remember, I told you about the Jean doll being hailed as the next challenger to Barbie; apparently that is the case. Marie Gardyne, doll judges extraordinaire, claims that Jean now has doll furniture: swan bed, director chairs to name a few with stunning new costumes. In addition, making her debut is, Tyler Wentworth, another hot item with a great story line. Marie is taking orders like mad so get yours in quickly.

Employee of the month

Becca Fell has been chosen as the employee of the month for February. Although Becca is a fairly new employee, she was selected because of her willingness to sub, often on very short notice. She is popular with both staff and patrons because she takes things in stride with good humor and good sense. And that is a good thing.

New members

I am happy to announce three new members to the Chamber of

Commerce.

We gladly welcome the Women's Therapy Center, a non-profit organization that offers quality mental health care and in-depth professional training to the community. The center offers psychotherapy for all ages, ethnicities and sexual orientations. They also provide counseling for couples. The center is located at 501 Kearney, El Cerrito, 94530 or call for information at 524-8288.

Secondly, Susanne Trowbridge, who owns Interbridge Internet Services, which is a Web site design and consulting firm. She created her first Web site in 1994. Since then, she has made a name for herself in cyberspace, building over 20 World Wide Web sites for a variety of clients. Her online activities have been chronicled in several major newspapers, as well as Esquire magazine and Yahoo! Internet Life. Her Web domain, www.interbridge.com, is visited by over 35,000 people each month. She can be reached at 558-1823 or via e-mail at trow@slip.net. Look for more about Susanne in later columns.

Lastly, The Oakland Tribune, one of our outstanding local newspapers.

A day better spent away from the wheel

EL CERRITO — On Feb. 23, a 54-year-old man drove a rental car down Fairmont Avenue near Lexington, weaving between lanes. When he approached a traffic light, he prudently stopped, allowing a 15-foot space between his car and the limit line. The light, however, was green. The driver then decided to make a right turn and plowed into a curb. He was arrested for driving under the influence.

■ A young man went on a noontime shopping spree at the Safeway Store on San Pablo Ave. Feb. 25, carefully selecting \$420 worth of store merchandise. After completing the chore, the 22-year-old man headed for home. However he neglected to pay the cashier and was arrested for grand theft.

■ At 2:10 p.m. at Mechanics Bank on San Pablo Avenue a woman went in to cash a check. However, an alert teller noticed something strange about the draft, which turned out to have been altered and a fake. The woman was arrested for forgery.

■ On the evening of March 7, a 57-year-old man narrowly avoided crash-

ing into a police car on Santa Clara Avenue and Central. Police arrested him for drunk driving.

■ A 27-year-old man drove his Ford van down San Pablo Avenue near Conlon Avenue late in the evening of March 8, weaving from the far left of a lane to the far right. In an apparent attempt to carefully observe traffic safety laws, the man clicked on his right turn indicator then attempted to change lanes — which turned out to be a sidewalk. He was arrested for driving under the influence.

■ On March 10, a 22-year-old man

wearing a white cap crashed through a window of a home on the 1000 block of Richmond Street and near a house, stealing \$6,200 worth of property. Apparently not satisfied with the haul, the same individual was by a neighbor later that same night walked beside a home on the block of Lexington Avenue, tore off a screen from a man's house and broke into the house. He was interrupted by police and fled. Police caught him and made flight. Police caught him and arrested him for the double

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JOANNA JHANDA

Students from Albany Middle School watched and learned about worm composting at the Oakland Zoo.

Local students learn upside of 'global worming' at Oakland Zoo

By Sean Yokomizo

Adira Davis has a distinct opinion about worms. "I think they're disgusting," said Adira's second- and third-grade classmates joined a host of children from different schools, including Albany Middle School, for a "Celebrate Global Worming" last Friday, at the Oakland Zoo's new PeopleSoft Center for Science and Environmental Education.

The wiggle-and-watch program was organized in conjunction with the zoo's effort to reduce waste at schools by encouraging the composting of cafeteria scraps for school gardens.

The students are already familiar with the idea of "vermicomposting," using the worms first hand process a larger opportunity to learn about the animals.

"We want them to learn about worms so they can get beyond the gross, sort of thing," said

Steve Wade, a second- and third-grade combination teacher.

Students from Castro Valley High School were on hand as helpers to guide the younger students through the observation of the crawling critters. Students tried to answer questions about how worms move and interact while observing captive crawlers in special containers with magnifying lids.

Students spent the day in the world of the worm, both observing and even touching their squirming subjects.

"I like to hold them in my hand when they wiggle," said Jeremy Harrison-Posey, a second-grader.

Erin Busaj, a fellow second-grader, also enjoyed the hand-worming portion of the program.

"I think they tickle when you hold them," said Erin.

However, not all of the worms on hand would fit in hand. Wiggle E. Worm, the 6-foot tall, bright red "spokes-worm" for Alameda County, greeted students and offered a smile

to the composting curious.

Students were able to take home a few of Wiggle's smaller siblings in worm boxes they made from shredded newspaper and scraps from their lunches.

"A lot of people think you just throw food on the worms, but no, there's more to it," said Claudia Tauran, the head worm woman for the Alameda County Waste Management Authority.

Volunteers demonstrated how to create a worm-friendly environment, and materials were close by for the students to make their own.

Sylvia Mwhaka, a sixth-grader from Albany Middle School, thought making the worm boxes was better than the worms themselves.

"I don't like worms at all, but this is fun," said Sylvia, while filling a small paper cup with newspaper.

Next to her, Daniel Shen, also a sixth-grader, said that watching and working with the worms was fun, but

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Event bridges generations via poetry

By James Carter

ALBANY — Students from MacGregor High School shared remarkable works of art and heart-felt poetry with their peers and seniors March 11 at Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley.

A combined effort of MacGregor High School and the Albany Senior Center, the program's theme was "teenage memories." The event, sponsored by the Albany Education Foundation, featured poetry and art that ranged from sculpture and photographs to paintings done in acrylic, water color and tempera. "Poetry boxes" were also displayed, an art form that Susan Charlip, a teacher at the high school, said were inspired by Latin American miniature nativity scenes made from cardboard matchboxes.

Emilia Storrs, 17, was enthusiastic about the turnout, calling it "a nice mix of young people and seniors." Storrs, one of many talented poets featured at the event, said she was surprised to hear some of the poems read by adults as they recalled days when they were young.

The program was the brainchild of City Councilman Allan Maris. "There was a lot of good art and

poetry (at the show) that gave the community an opportunity to appreciate the creative abilities of young and old," said Maris, who is a math teacher at MacGregor as well as president of the Friends of Albany Seniors.

The councilman added how wonderful it was to see young people interacting with old, both realizing they have shared similar experiences in life.

Charlip's students contributed poetry and artwork to the show. Charlip, who teaches an interdisciplinary class at MacGregor and advanced placement English at Albany High, played a crucial role in making the event happen.

"My goal was to bring to bridge two very disparate parts of the community together for an evening and give them a chance to see each others work," she said. "Since MacGregor is an alternative school, a lot of kids there unfairly have a bad reputation in the community. A night like this allows people to see the real talent and ability of these students and serves to dispel the negative stereotype."

The young people from MacGregor were passionate and talented. But perhaps more striking was their

fierce honesty and the uncompromising integrity they demonstrated as both artists and individuals.

Brooke Turpin, 17, read passages from a poem she wrote just hours before the event:

"I am in love. Why is it hiding? What spawned that mysterious outburst from the bottom of my flat belly up through my stomach to the gooey contents of my throat scored black from dark smoke that is being welcomed inside thorough my own fears and weaknesses?"

Ivan Bartholomew shared a poem he wrote about his grandmother:

Alone in the small empty home, Playin' solitary, taking whiskey shots straight to the dome.

A pathological cooking fiend is what she was Telling us to talk proper And never choose a girl by her beauty,

but by what love has to offer. Manners which would make a princess jealous and you know she had all the fel-las.

Specific speech with her tone just

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Albany starts planning July 4 blowout

By James Carter

ALBANY — Community volunteers are already making plans for this summer's 33rd annual Fourth of July celebration, an extravaganza they hope will be bigger and better than any in recent memory.

Led by Vice Mayor Jon Ely, more than a dozen members of the community are planning a traditional observance aimed at the whole family, one where a broad variety of entertainment will virtually surround Memorial Park.

At the March 3 meeting, volunteers — including merchants, representatives of the board of education, the Solano Avenue Association, PAL, and others — met for almost two hours making preliminary plans for the event. Organizers hope other groups, individuals and businesses will pitch in and help make this year's event the best ever.

"We really want to bring back the Fourth of July and make it a community event in every sense of the

word," Ely said.

This year, following the traditional morning pancake breakfast at Memorial Park, at least one baseball game is scheduled. A car show will line the greenway of Key Route Boulevard with a dazzling display of classic automobiles. And kids can climb more than the monkey bars as plans call for a fire engine to be at the park all day.

There will also be live bands and dancing at the celebration, carnival booths and pony rides, a pet show and art exhibit, dunking booths and sack races, along with dozens of games and exhibitions.

In addition to providing a broad spectrum of entertainment, community service groups will have the opportunity to raise money by sponsoring booths or a special event at the gala celebration.

Organizers hope that young and old will experience the kind of revelry that harks back to the days when families and couples brought picnic lunches to the park, got reacquainted with their friends and

neighbors and observed the true spirit of the American revolution.

Food is always a big item on Independence Day, and this year, all the traditional fare will be there — everything from hamburgers and hot dogs, soft drinks and cotton candy, polish dogs and sandwiches, water-melons, cookies and cakes.

Business participation

Event organizers are encouraging businesses to contribute to the July 4 celebration by sponsoring an activity or a special event there. According to organizers, groups that do so will have their names displayed in advertisements for the celebration and on placards during the festivities.

It's not too late to get involved in the planning as event organizers hope more individuals and organizations will get involved with what looks to be the grandest Fourth of July celebration in recent memory.

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Brothers make a living off baseball fantasies

By Chris Treadway

ALBANY — While youth baseball leagues fight to retain space to play here, nearly 4,300 teams will soon begin playing baseball in an office building next to the Liquor Barn.

The office space is home to a business called Scoresheet Baseball, and the games are played within the friendly confines of a Macintosh computer.

The players are those overpaid major leaguers we know so well and the teams' owners are baseball fans from locations across the U.S.

This is one corner of the world of fantasy baseball, the offspring of Rotisserie Baseball, in which team owners compile a team by drafting real major league players, then compile their statistics (points are assigned for hitting and pitching categories) and compare results.

It is an annual pastime that — along with driving many significant others crazy — has grown so much in the past 20 years that major players like the Sporting News and Baseball Weekly have moved in, offering major cash prizes for league champions.

Scoresheet, started by two Berkeley native brothers, has been around 13 years — a virtual pioneer in fantasy baseball — while other smaller companies have come and gone, unable to offer major prizes or keep enough clients to remain solvent.

In fact, the company's birth came as a result of the folding of one early statistics service.

"My brother (David) was signing up for a Rotisserie League 14 years ago and it folded in the first week of the season," said Jeff Barton.

"My brother figured if they can set up something like that, so can he. So he spent a year or so writing a program at nights while he worked other jobs," he said.

The program David Barton came up with had a twist that has been the Scoresheet's niche ever since, based on board games such as Strat-O-Matic and APBA that were popular with fanatics in the 1960s and '70s.

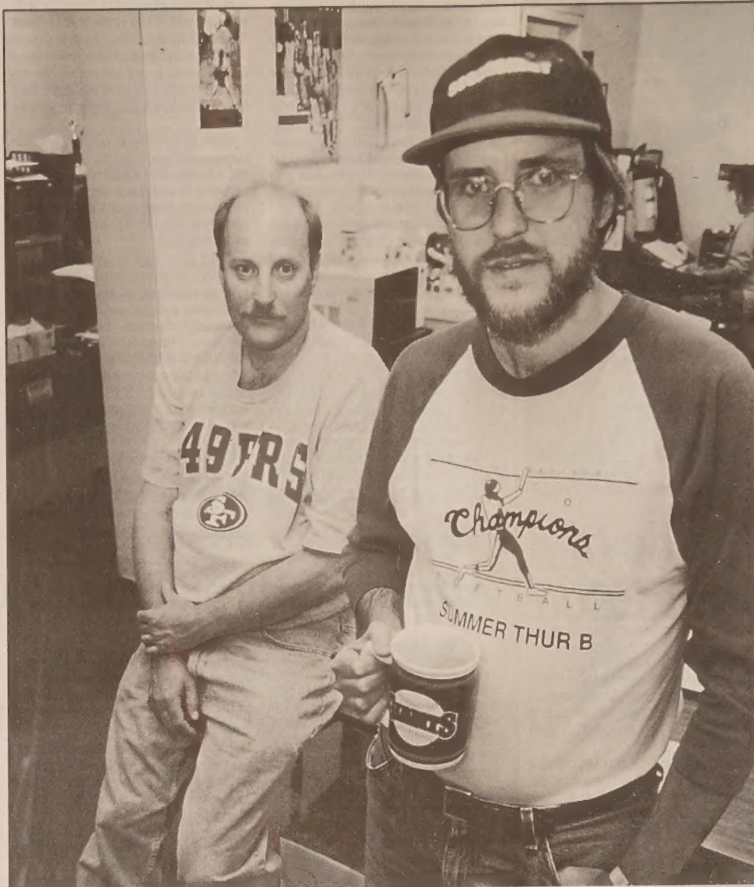
"You play week-to-week and head-to-head rather than just adding up points," Jeff Barton said.

The concept is more modern than the board games where dice decide outcomes.

In the cyber crazy '90s, the computer determines the outcomes. And where the board games were based on the previous season, Scoresheet's in/out and results are based on the week of real life play just completed.

"You play simulated games like you play Strat-O-Matic, but we have a computer do it based on what a batter or pitcher did that week."

If Kerry Wood strikes out 20 batters in a game that week, expect him to post a lot of K's in the computer version.



JOANNA JHANDA

Jeff and David Barton run a computer fantasy baseball service that has 4,300 customers across the U.S. as it enters its 13th year.

If Mark McGwire has an off week, don't expect him to park a few in the bleachers. But there are other elements.

The dice and the face-to-face competition of the board games are gone, but team owner/managers still set batting orders, preferences of pinch hitters, relievers and the like, all advantages fantasy and Rotisserie baseball can't offer.

One advantage is that a week's worth of games for a league can be played "in less than a minute" on the computer while a single contest on

a typical board game could take 20 to 45 minutes. And like the dice-driven games, "luck plays a similar kind of role," with the computer generating random numbers. Jeff Barton said.

The concept has obviously taken hold. After writing the program David Barton soon quit his day job and went fulltime in his new venture. Brother Jeff (both are UC Berkeley graduates) soon followed.

Including the Bartons, Scoresheet has five fulltime and one part-time employees.

A former customer has paid a franchise fee to offer the same service to about 500 fans in Canada.

Unlike the big time operations that put up major cash prizes, Scoresheet is a small time endeavor happy with its cubbyhole.

"I suppose if I had to do it again I might jump into the prize pool right when it started," Barton said. "We have the kind of niche for people want to play the game where they are managing the game. It's all for fun."

ON THE AVENUE

Avenue shops offer special gift certificates

By Lisa Bullwinkel
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Event input wanted

The Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival is slated for the last Saturday in May, the 29th. And this year Sept. 12 will be the 25th anniversary of the Stroll. Can you believe it? We could use some help in the old brainstrom department hyping up the Silver Stroll (Long John Silver as Grand Marshal with images of silver spilling out of a treasure chest — all the treasures of Solano) and the Chalk Festival. So those of you with any sort of creative bent and a bit of time or energy to contribute to these fantastic events, please call us.

New parking meters for Berkeley

Under consideration are the European-style Reino meters for Solano Ave. These can be programmed to facilitate 2 to 10 parking spaces at one meter. The up side is that they take away a lot of street clutter (all of the extra meters) but the down side is that they may generate a lot of parking tickets for those who forget to walk a few spaces away to use them. We recently got a preview during our annual luncheon. They're quite snazzy!

New parking times for Albany?

The City has asked that we take an informal survey to find out if you all would like 1 hour or 1 1/2 hour free parking. The City is willing to make the necessary changes, but only if you want it. Call us with your vote.

Who's who

Solano Avenue is represented on

the Berkeley City Council by Woolley, 2180 Milvia St., Albany 94703, ph 644-6294, fax 627-5275. Feel free to write or fax any issues you may have to our own SAA Board President, John Manus, now sits on the Albany Council. Contact him at 1800 Ave., Albany 94706, ph 527-5275.

In the spotlight

Welcome to several new stores on Solano. Mid-Solano can find Wataya, a Japanese store which also sells futons, opened in December by Ozaki and Yoko Baba. Cam Damasceno has taken over the Dance Studio and opened Three Goddesses in the former Lovely clothes, jewelry and Shopkeeper Parvin has opened other business on Solano at 1894 Solano with beautiful antiques and clothing. It's a wonderful place to shop for a touchy-feely shopping experience! If you go through D.C. Epifani has opened a wonderful antique store, Little Antiques at 2003 Hopkins.

You can get a hair cut at 2000 at 901 Santa Fe, live up New Year's resolution to get acupuncture treatment from Zellner or Sabi Underkumling Herbs, 826 San Pablo Ave. really get into the "spirit" of by getting your palm read by Lee at Albany's Deja Vu Cafe.

If you wish to eat while out on the street our new Christopher Cheung has opened third neighborhood eatery Solano called Christopher's. Solano. Quite the atmosphere complete with large flaming tainment in the kitchen. Solano Cabin at 945 San Pablo Ave. open all day but I hear the buns are killer! For lunch or dinner to Cafe Raj for some Indian delights at 1158 Solano which recently opened by Rami Eicher-Raja and Mahd Raj. heart of our newly-remodeled Solano.

If you need bucks to shop or dine, Mechanics Bank is opening another branch at Solano or visit California Trust at 1451 Solano with name but same fantastic services as before.

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Two town hall meetings with Superintendent Gloria Johnston

The Alliance for Public Education, a coalition of West County organizations working for the advancement of public education in our district, has announced two town hall meetings with the district's superintendent, Dr. Gloria Johnston. The first will be held this Saturday, March 20, 1999 at 2 pm at Kennedy Middle School (4300 Cutting Blvd, Richmond) and the second on Tuesday, March 23 at Juan Crespi Middle School (14000 Ave, El Sobrante) at 7:00 pm. Information will be available on the Internet at www.westcountyalliance.org. The public is warmly encouraged to attend and admission is free.

Make A Difference

The Community Advisory Committee for Special Education will be holding its "You Make A Difference" ceremony on Thursday, March 25. The event will be held at Harding Elementary School Auditorium, 7230 El Cerrito Avenue, El Cerrito at 7 pm. All are invited to this event which celebrates individuals who have "made a difference" in the programs offered to students with special education students.

ASAP open house

ASAP, an after-school academic program serving middle-school-

ish-proficient refugee and minority youth in West Contra Costa County, will host an open house on Thursday, March 25th from 4 to 7pm. All are invited to meet volunteers, staff and students, and to see the program in action. This is a great opportunity to see how the community is helping to improve the quality of education for students in our area. In addition, visitors will be treated to Laotian cuisine and a performance by a local Lao dance troupe. Learn-ASAP is located in Grace Lutheran Church at 24th and Barrett across from the Richmond Civic Center. For more information, please call 510/215-2728.

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ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

PTA Council

March 29, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

High School

PTA Orders: Support AHS by buying Safeway, Andronico's or Safeway certificates. Call Linda Lum, 525-6782 or Belinda Lum, 525-6782

PTA Council News: Parent survey has been compiled into a report which will be presented at May meeting. Copies of the survey are available now in AHS office. Applications now avail-

able in AHS office for funding proposals for next school year. Teachers, students and parents may apply for Site Council funding. Questions? Call Joan Larson at 526-7769.

Albany Middle School

SCRIP Orders: Support AMS by buying Safeway certificates. Call Karen Moss at 526-2018 or Janet Nichols at 526-6259

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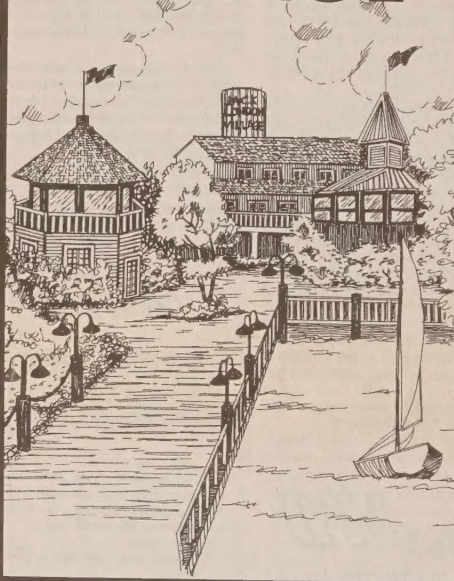


JOYCE DOLIN

Taking root

IN OBSERVANCE of Arbor Day students from the 7th grade science class of teacher Joanna Brandriff from Prospect Sierra School planted an American elm tree next to the tennis courts on Avis Drive in El Cerrito. The celebration was held last Friday, and was attended by El Cerrito Garden Club members, city officials and guests. The planting continues a long standing city and Garden Club tradition that has always involved youth groups.

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Give tolerance a chance

Last week I asked the rhetorical question, "How much room for diversity is there in Oakland?" Well, judging from the response, the answer apparently is: Not much.

I'm talking about my column that put out the welcome mat for the Marine training exercise, Urban Warrior. I thought it might draw some heat, but I wasn't prepared for the rage-filled personal attacks that promptly filled my e-mail and answering machine.

According to them, I am bigoted, militaristic, narrow-minded and (as one correspondent put it) "a reactionary, neo-colonialist war lover." Two people who left messages love peace so much, they threatened me with bodily harm.

I have two replies. First, why should I take you seriously when you engage in ad hominem attacks and don't even have the guts to leave your name?

Second, threatening someone is a felony, punishable by a stiff fine and a long stretch in prison.

Beyond that, whatever happened to "All you need is love"? Is this really what you thought the revolution for, brothers and sisters?

Some of the more thoughtful critics accused me of having an unduly romantic view of the military from watching too many World War II movies like "Saving Private Ryan." Let me assure you that I don't get my attitudes from Hollywood.

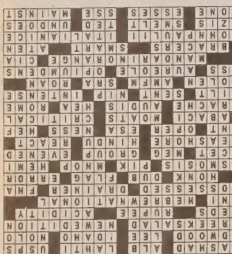
Hey, I'm an old '60s peacenik, just like you. And I used to have the same antipathy toward the military.

But one day about 15 years ago, a nice woman named Jo Avalos, who was the public information director at the Oakland Naval Supply Center, challenged me to come out there and see for myself.

Being a good reporter, I had to check my preconceptions at the door. And after hanging out with these military folks for a while, I realized to my shock that they are human beings, too.

That's all I was trying to say in last week's column. If that's too radical for some of you, maybe you should look in the mirror and ask yourselves just how liberal and tolerant you really are.

OK, now that I've gotten that off my chest, let's move on to other things.



Snappshots

By Martin Snapp

Like the recent passing of the Nobel laureate Glenn Seaborg, who was also (among other things) Chancellor at Cal, head of the Atomic Energy Commission, and a mover and shaker behind the establishment of the East Bay Regional Park system. According to those who knew him best, this great man was also a very good man, who was singularly unimpressed with his own résumé.

It's always sad when someone dies. But when he dies so full of years and honors, after a life so obviously well lived, it's also a time for warm memories.

For instance, did you know that Cal professors who win the Nobel Prize get a special perk from the University? Namely, their own private parking space on campus.

But alone among Cal's Nobel winners, Seaborg adamantly refused to use his space. A physical fitness nut long before it became fashionable, he liked to walk all over campus, cradling a football under his arm.

Most people assumed it was just his way of supporting for the football team, but the real reason was that a football is a perfect model of the Uranium atom, which he used in class demonstrations. He told his students, "The Uranium atom spins end over end, like a Jimmy Breech field goal, not in a spiral like a Joe Roth pass."

Meanwhile, Joseph Charles, the beloved Berkeley Waving Man, called me last week and said, "Tell everyone I'm feeling better."

"Gee, Mr. Charles," I replied, "I never told them you were sick."

So let me correct that oversight right now. Mr. Charles suffered a mild stroke a few weeks ago. But he's out of the hospital and is already up and about. A bunch of us are taking him out to dinner this Monday to celebrate his 89th birthday.

Please don't knock on his door; he still needs his rest. But I'm sure he'd appreciate a birthday card. His address: 2819 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley 94703. Tell him the same thing he always tells us: "Keep smiling and have a GOOD day."

I also heard from Vera Shadi, whose dad, Sundar Shadi, is the man who enchanted generations of El Cerrito residents with the spectacular, you-have-to-see-it-to-believe-it Christmas displays next to his house on The Arlington. Mr. Shadi is getting up in years now — he's 98 — and he was unable to put up the display last Christmas. So I suggested you readers send him cards to thank him for all the joy he's given us over the years. And you came through with flying colors.

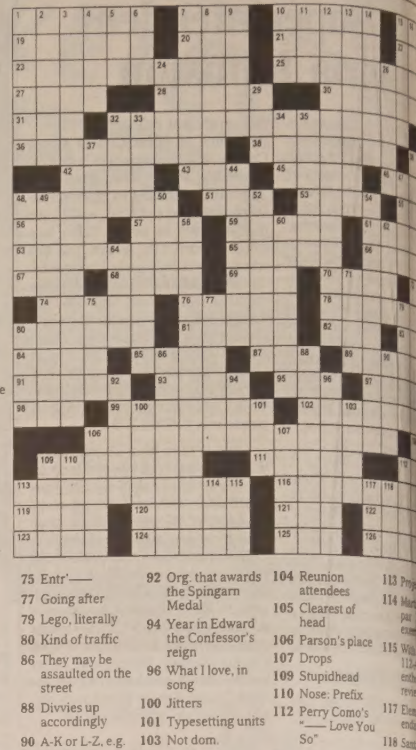
In fact, you're still coming through. Vera tells me her dad is still receiving

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UC opens doors April 17 for Cal D

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From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors can listen to lectures by noted faculty

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For youngsters, the Children's Literature Festival will feature authors, storytelling and songs.

In addition, all of the university's museums — including the Lawrence

Hall of Science and the UC Berkeley Art Museum with an exhibit of 20th century Irish paintings — be free and open to the public.

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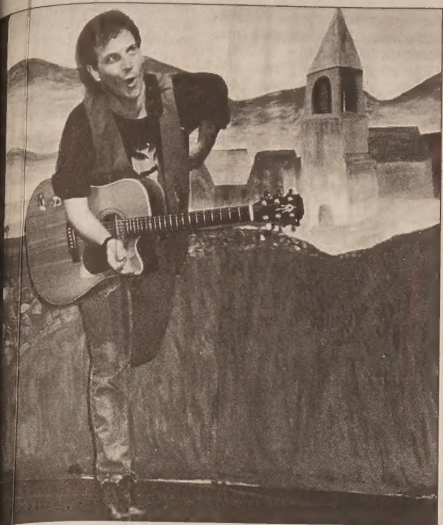
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Tickets: are \$5/students, \$7/general, and free for children under 5. Group discounts also available. Details: 642-3268 or <http://www.ucmap.org>

New series at Morgan Theatre
The Julia Morgan Theater 2640 College Ave. now hosts a weekly series featuring ballroom dance, jazz and comedy. Comedy Night is at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Swing Dancing at 7:30 p.m. (free lessons) followed by dancing to a live band at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The series opened March 2 and 3 and will continue for the foreseeable future, organizers say. Young and old are welcomed. The atmosphere is friendly and informal and there is a new dance floor at the Julia. Comedy night is fueled by young comics who usually appear Sunday Night at the

Young Actor's Workshop

The Young Actor's Workshop at Contra Costa College, directed by Worthing, and made up of acting in age from 10-18, presenting "A Little Princess," from the children's tale by Frances and Burnett that takes place in England and the United States



DAVIDSON of the Mark Morris Dance Group dances the solo of "Love Song Waltzes."

World War I. Performances on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, Contra Costa College, 1849 Shattuck Avenue, El Portal Drive at Castro Valley, San Pablo. Tickets at the adults \$8, students \$6 (bring cash). 236-3326

Mexico Fiesta

Flamenco troupe Flamenco presents a lively "Flamenco Fiesta" at the Odyssea Bistro on Friday.

Artist David Gutierrez and Santa Ayala of Flamenco will be joined by guest artists Zorucha (dancer) and Jaime (singer) for an exciting evening of flamenco music and dance. They will perform on Sunday. They will perform on Sunday at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. at the Odyssea Bistro, 1849 Shattuck Avenue. Reservations are recommended. Details: 849-1319

Taekwondo Championships

Events start early on Saturday at 10 a.m. — at the University

Punch Line in San Francisco. There will also be a variety of music on Comedy night.

Since January there have been dance lessons and dancing for pre-teens and teens from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Julia Morgan, and the same for adults from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Swing, salsa, fox-trot, and other dances are skillfully taught to the beginner and experienced dancer under the leadership of the San Francisco Dance Theater School. First lessons are free. Details: 883 7007.

Ruth Davidson of the Mark Morris Dance Group dances the opening solo of "Love Song Waltzes."

Mark Morris Group at Zellerbach

Choreographer Mark Morris and the Mark Morris Dance Group will bring the world premiere of a new Morris work set to Handel's "Dixit Dominus" to Cal Performances

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Berkeley Jazz School going full tilt

By James Carter

From the moment you enter the Berkeley Jazz School, you can feel the African rhythms, European harmonies and improvised grooves that make jazz America's most important contribution to the world of music.

Founded in the autumn of 1997 by jazz musician and teacher Susan Muscarella, the Berkeley Jazz School is the most respected institution of its kind in the Bay Area, one that offers instruction by individuals that have mastered the infinite forms of jazz and, as professional musicians, continue to perform live.

A talented musician in her own right, Muscarella studied with Walburt Baranco, Tanya Ury, and Andrew Imbrie, and has a CD out called "Madder Music, Stronger Wine."

Muscarella said when she founded the school, she believed it was crucial to have suitable roomy classrooms where students can learn and practice. Yet she thought it was equally important to have a performance space where musicians can play before a live audience.

The Berkeley Jazz School has both.

Live gigs

Housed in a historic two-story Victorian on Shattuck Avenue, the jazz school is both unpretentious and elegant. Upstairs are classrooms awash with bright light and jazz riffs. Downstairs, the Provencal Restaurant La Note serves up delicious dishes from the south of France and generous servings of some of the top jazz performers in northern California. La Note is also a spot where students are given the chance to perform live.

Some of the Bay Area's most talented musicians have gigs at La Note, including the Wayne Wallace Quartet, Brian Pardo and Kit Walker, Jessica Williams and the Ed Kelly Quartet, to name just a few.

The faculty at the jazz school also includes some of the finest jazz artists around, including Bill Aron, Christy Dana, Dick Hindman, Mark Levine, Eddie Marshall, Curt Moore, Pete Magadini and Andy Narell.



JOANNA JHANDA

AT THE Jazz School in Berkeley, professional musician and instructor Marcos Silva works with the Brazilian jazz group to perfect technique and sounds.

Role models

Muscarella said that when she founded the school, it was crucial to her that the faculty performed as well as taught. "I just think that it's important to have teachers serve as role models so that students can go and hear their own teachers perform," she said. "I wanted instructors to be able to say 'don't do as I say, but do as I do.'"

As Muscarella spoke, Marcos Silva led a six-piece ensemble next door as they performed Brazilian jazz, the lilting music floating down the peach-colored hall as if carried by a sultry breeze.

"He is doing more than teaching Brazilian music," Muscarella said. "He actually performs it himself. So his students can go to a club where he's playing and hear exactly what

it is he's trying to explain."

Coming this spring

The Berkeley Jazz School offers courses for students of all ages in a range of subjects as diverse as jazz itself. When the spring quarter begins April 5, classes will include a steel drum ensemble, a jazz piano master class, jazz history and improvisation, an introductory and advanced Salsa class, electric bass, samba batucada and composition.

There are classes for beginners and advanced musicians including intro to big band, a percussion workshop, combo performance skills, jazz, blues and Brazilian guitar.

Currently 300 students attend the school, and an additional 100 receive private lessons. "We have all kinds of classes, from performance en-

semble to theory on all instruments as well as voice," Muscarella said. Students come from as far away as Palo Alto to attend evening classes there. Given the quality of classes offered, it's no surprise things are going full tilt at the jazz school.

Though there have been many attempts to establish jazz schools in the Bay Area, most have fallen flat. At the Berkeley Jazz School, however, in addition to a 45-member multi-talented faculty, dedicated staff members with a wealth of experience in jazz and administration keep things on key.

In fact things are going so well for the school that plans for the future include a new location with a larger facility and the possibility of

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Convincing 'Fiddler' a tale for any era

By Jessica Yarris

Like the citizens of Anatavka, tradition plays a prevalent part in the lives of Albany High School students and the annual musical is not exempt. For over 20 years, Albany High has produced an array of eclectic musical productions, varying from the lighthearted "Pajama Game" to this year's "Fiddler on the Roof" — a painful portrayal of a father's struggle with changing times set against the backdrop of old world Russia. Tradition to the villagers is the binding fabric of their lives — weaving into their community a remembrance of their past and a hope for their futures. All beliefs, prospects, and dreams are held in a precarious basket, bound by traditions and controlled by the Russian regime. The villagers are not unlike the people of Albany with our generational differences quelled by the spirit of our community and the prevailing hopes of a better future.

The difficulty and complexity of Fiddler was executed superbly through the efforts of a fantastic cast and crew, and directors Amy Sass and Joan Sextro.

Sass, who directed the Theater Ensemble's fall production of "The

Crucible", is a rookie to the AHS musical world, while Sextro is a tried and true veteran.

"Every year there is serious improvement in the kid's dedication and this year is no exception," Sextro said at the close of Thursday night's dress rehearsal.

Baruch Porass played the title role of Teyve with laudable passion and attention to the more subtle qualities of the character. While this is his first time in a lead, Porass' voice resonated with fervent emotion and filled the room with its luscious tenor sound. Said Porass of acting "There is something spiritual in the art of acting and words don't describe just how important it is to me."

Opposite Porass in the role of Teyva's wife, the stern, hardworking, survivor Golde, was Jenny Antonacci, whose marvelous talent for acting sparkled.

Together on stage the pair proved to have more chemistry than a scientist, as was evident not only in the intensity of their shared scenes but in their musical duets as well.

The coming-of-age daughters, Tzeitel, Hodel, and Chava — played respectively by Susanna Graves, Acaia Quinn, and Anna Moore — displayed youthful optimism in their

acting styles when their characters choose to follow love rather than their parents customs. Tzeitel, the eldest daughter, paves the way for her younger sisters by pledging to marry Motel, the impoverished tailor, a role well performed by Nathan Rynerson. Hodel with her snapping wit, goes further, not asking her father for permission to marry the stranger with "new ideas" named Perchik, performed by Ryan Takemia. A moving scene occurs between Quinn and Porass where Hodel tells her uncomprehending father of her decision to head for Siberia, explaining that she discovered in Perchick a Moses worthy of following and would go to the ends of the earth to be by his side.

Chava chooses the love of a despised Serbian soldier, Fyedka performed by Casey Jackson, a rebellious move that forces Teyva to honor his traditional religious values over his own daughter, resulting in her dismissal from the family. Horrified as the entire family is, Teyva refuses to back down and turns a deaf ear to Chava's pleas for acceptance — a common scenario in many households even today.

Other standout performances include Emily Fiss-Hobart as the meddling matchmaker Yente, Jordan

'FIDDLER

The Albany High production of "Fiddler on the Roof" concludes with performances Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the AHS Little Theater, 603 Key Route Blvd. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and students. Details: 559-6550, ext. 6588.

Wold as the lonely butcher Laiser Wolf, Ella Samonsky as the ghastly ghost Fruma Sarah, Kathryn Robinson as the lovely liling, Grandma Tzeitel, Chris Carter as the irascible inn keeper Morgcha, Brandon Franklin as the caustic constable and Brent Hecht as the estimable Rabbi with many sagacious but misplaced words of advice. Not to be overlooked either is the incredible choreography that went into the bottle dancer sequences and the tremendous skill with which it was performed.

Although competition for the entertainment dollar is plentiful these days, "Fiddler on the Roof" as performed by AHS, is a strong contender and will give the rest a run for their money.

Brunch and music jazz benefit for BHS jazz band

Live it up with the Berkeley High School's renowned jazz ensemble at a Sunday brunch and wine tasting at Cafe Venezia, 1799 University Ave., March 21 from noon to 3 p.m.

These remarkable and talented musicians played to a sellout crowd at the kickoff event at the Claremont Hotel in February. The Cafe Venezia event showcases the ensemble in a smaller setting that will also feature an Italian brunch and wine tasting from Napa and Sonoma wineries.

Tickets for the event are \$30 general admission; \$25 seniors, students and BHS teachers, brunch and wine tasting included. Proceeds will fund scholarships to enable all student musicians to participate in the bands planned June tour of Japan.

Community support made the BHS band "ambassadors for Berkeley two years ago when they played the Montreaux and North Sea jazz festivals in Europe," said band director Charles Hamilton. "We hope that people will help us expand our horizons to Asia with Jammin' In Japan."

Tickets for the Cafe Venezia show can be reserved in advance by calling parent coordinator Karen McKie at 527-8731 or purchased at the door. Other events later this spring will take place at the Oak Tree in Oakland, Slates in Walnut Creek and at the Fourth Street Jazz Festival in Berkeley.



JAMIE WESTOAL

THE BHS Jazz Band will entertain at the Sunday fundraiser.

Events

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tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 21 at 3:00 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall. The dancers will be accompanied by musicians from Berkeley Symphony Orchestra. Dixit Dominus will not be seen anywhere else this season.

Tickets: \$20, \$35 and \$45, available through the Cal Performances Ticket

Jazz

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getting accreditation.

Muscarella herself spends 12 hours a day at the jazz school, and often eight to 10 hours on weekends.

A top-notch keyboard instructor, Muscarella directed the UC Jazz Ensemble for five years. Her experience as an administrator combined with her background as a teacher and performer have provided the key signature needed for the music to continue to flow.

It's contagious

"I think that jazz is just so conta-

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Shotgun opens season

The Shotgun Players open their eighth season with the first play by one of America's emerging new playwrights. "The Possum Play" is about Sally, a middle-aged housewife, who begins a pilgrimage into the chaos that exists beneath the world where "busy lives are considered complete

gious," Muscarella said. "There's just something about the swing feel that is so exciting and very earthy. Jazz is unique because its very nature includes improvisation and spontaneous composition. It's just such a joy for me to have the school — it's a dream come true, really. The staff goes way beyond the call of duty, and the students ... well, they inspire me. They are the reason I opened the school in the first place.

The Spring Quarter at the Berkeley Jazz School begins April 5. Students of all ages are welcome. For more information about the classes and performances call 845-5373.

and where things unspoken don't exist." The play is set in Southern Florida, where the wild untamed world of the mangroves do battle with the strip malls and freeways. This play is for mature audiences.

The Possum Play previews today at the South Berkeley Congregational Church on Fairview and Ellis (just two blocks north from the Adeline Street Theatre now under renovation.)

The play will premiere on Friday, March 19 and run Thursdays through Sundays through Sunday April 19.

All performances are at 8 p.m. except Sundays, which will be at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 general and \$10 for students and seniors (\$8 previews/\$20 Premiere). Reservations or directions: 655-0613.

Master magician in Albany

On Sunday from 11 am to noon at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., you can "Learn the Art of Magic" with Master Magician Jay Alexander, one of today's premier magicians for family entertainment and star of Broderbund Software's popular "Learn the Art of Magic" CD ROM game.

He will dazzle live audiences with disappearing volunteers and reappearing rabbits.

Jay has been featured on The Today Show and Good Morning Amer-

ica, and has toured with and performed for The Rolling Stones. Tickets: \$6 per person (under 2 yrs. free) For tickets, birthday party reservations, and show information call The Buddy Club at (510) 652-SHOW.

U.S. premiere of British comedy

The Speakeasy, a Berkeley theater collective devoted to producing new plays and local premieres, will present the U.S. premiere of "The Knocky," the hit British comedy/drama about the struggles and triumphs of life on a Birkenhead housing estate that runs five weeks, March 26 - May 2, at the Speakeasy Theatre in Berkeley.

The Speakeasy Theatre is at 2016 Seventh St. in Berkeley. Performances are March 26 to May 2, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$12; \$10 seniors, students, TBA members. Reservations: (925) 798-1300.

Event honors Dr. Seuss

The Northern California Children's Booksellers Association will honor legendary children's author and illustrator Dr. Seuss at its 12th annual Otter Dinner, Saturday, March 20, at His Lordship's Restaurant, on the Berkeley Marina.

On hand to accept the posthumous award will be renowned children's ed-

itor Janet Schulman, Dr. Seuss's editor at Random House from 1978 to his death, in 1991.

The Otter Dinner (as in "kids otter read") is an annual occasion for the Bay Area children's book community to celebrate its innovative and diverse output.

The event includes presentation of literacy grants to seven winners whose proposals for promoting children's literacy were selected from more than 100 applicants.

The grants provide a \$500 credit at an NCCBA member bookstore. Several of the 1999 winners will attend the dinner to accept their awards.

Tickets are \$45 for the Otter Dinner, which begins with a 6:30 p.m. no-host reception and includes a "goodie

bag" of books and posters. Tickets are available at all NCCBA member stores. Details: (415) 282-4800.

Documentary screening

"The Farm: Angola, U.S." is a compelling documentary that shows a year in the lives of six inmates at Angola State Penitentiary. The film will be screened, March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 1000 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito.

The film was winner of a Sundance Grand Jury Prize and nominated for an Academy Award for Best Feature Documentary.

Screening will be followed by discussion. Suggested donation: \$10 to cover costs, no money away. Details: 524-6654.



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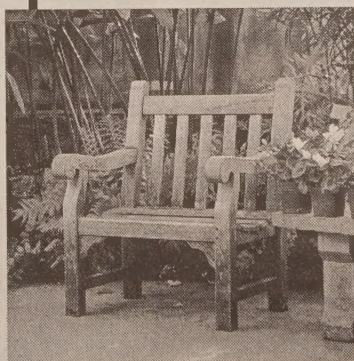
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Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

Like, You Know? that spoofs the "mellow" L.A. "lifestyle." It's centered around, natch, a New Yorker, a L.A. phobe who heads to La-La land to author a book bashing El Lay (q.v., Woody Allen in "Annie Hall"). The sitcom's a bit glib, but I enjoyed it. It's relentlessly shallow like "Seinfeld," but hey, so is L.A. There are some funny, vintage L.A. moments, as when a televised live police chase causes that freeway-obsessed city to grind to a halt as the natives gather to stare at their TV's.

One of the cast lives off a pay-per-view scam in L.A. he calls "pay-per-Jew" that allows people to celebrate the High Holidays in the comfort of their own homes. Actress Jennifer Grey ("Flashdance") proudly shows off — and admits to — her new nose job. And there are "Seinfeld"-like pointless discussions like "Which would YOU rather be — Normandy Beach or the corner of Normandy Beach and Florence during the Rodney King riots?" As for the pay-per-view scam, wasn't L.A. the first place to have drive-through viewings in funeral homes? (Seriously.) Johnny Carson once joked (at least I THINK

he was joking) that L.A. also had coin-op mortuaries.

"It's Like, You Know," does a pretty good job of hanging a "Vacancy" sign on L.A.. It doesn't so much bash the place as take a bemused view of its vacuousness. And it will fill the "Seinfeld" gap for some viewers.

But could a similar show be done that lampoons the politically correct Bay Area, even one written by Northern Californians? I'm not so sure, since so many here take themselves too seriously. That's certainly not the case in L.A. — which is both its blessing and its curse.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: Short items from a short attention span: If you've wondered why Leslie Griffith is solving this week and why Dennis Richmond was looking pained on KTVU's 10:00 news last week, it's because Richmond has a ruptured disc. Richmond has been in "horrible pain" from a sciatic nerve problem and his left leg has been "useless," says a Channel 2 source. The newsman was in an Oakland hospital's outpatient clinic earlier this week, seeking relief...Speaking of Oakland's KTVU, I did a Celeb Waiters luncheon last Friday in Marin with Richmond's colleague, "Morn-

ings on 2" host Ross McGowan. The genial newsman was as excited as a kid on Christmas day — he'd just "rescued" a part-Lab puppy at the Oakland SPCA, and it was out in McGowan's car with Ross's other dog, whom he wisely brought along "to see if they get along." They did, and despite his fund-raising duties, McGowan was constantly going out to his car to check on his new pet. (Note: it wasn't a hot day). His former "People Are Talking" colleague and KGO Radio fitness gal Joanie Greggains was delighted when Ross took her out and showed her his new canine companion...Speaking of the SPCA, one red-faced KCBS Radio anchor quickly corrected himself when he announced, "It's Spray Week at the SPCA. Er, make that Spray Week." If you have a male cat, you'll know why that's not funny (right, Marty Snapp?)...No, it is NOT your imagination — there are a ton of reruns on TV right now. These started the day after ratings sweeps ended. The reason? Networks used to order 39 episodes of series. Now, to save money, they order only 22 — and more than half of those air first during the four sweeps months. And NBC, ABC et al wonder why their ratings are dropping...Anyone else humming along to the snappy state

songs of Utah and North Dakota after hearing them on those saturation GTE Cellular "United State of America" radio ads? It's NOT true, by the way, that our own state song is Randy Newman's "I Love L.A." (q.v., first item)...A Kensington reader e-mails that "ABC-7's" "oldtimers" remember it as "KGO's" "oldtimey" weatherman, Spencer Christian, "is being underused." I agree. For years on ABC's "Good Morning, America," the pleasant Christian would often trade badinage with his co-anchors. But at the newly branded "ABC-7," there's little of that. It's get on, do the forecast, and get off. This week's recommended movie selection: "The General," director Martin Boorman's look at Martin Cahill, Ireland's most notorious criminal in recent years (he was never convicted of anything, however). Brendan Gleeson deserves an Oscar nomination next year for his strong performance as the roguish cop-baiter...Speaking of which, it's an unusually fine crop of nominees this year, and here are our annual Oscar Predictions. This year's Oscar theme: Queen Elizabeth Takes on World War II. Worst host in recent years: Whoopi Goldberg. Have you ever TRIED watching this annoying, coarse person trying to be clever on "Hollywood Squares"?

Best Picture: Who Should Win — "Life Is Beautiful." Who WILL win — the same. The also-upteat "Shakespeare in Love" might sneak in, however.

Best Actor: Who Should Win — Ian McKellen, for his powerful performance in "Gods and Monsters." Who WILL win — the delightful Roberto Benigni, "L.I.B."

Best Actress: Who Should Win: Fernanda Montenegro, "Central Station." Who WILL win: Gwyneth Paltrow, who was also superb, in "Shakespeare in Love."

Best Supporting Actor: Who Should Win: Robert Duvall, "A Civil Action." Who WILL win: Duvall.

Finally, almost always the toughest category of all, Best Supporting Actress: Kathy Bates deserves to win for "Primary Colors," and Judi Dench probably will win for "Shakespeare in Love," although she was only on screen for eight minutes as Queen Elizabeth. But it was, you should pardon the expression, a COMMANDING eight minutes, and it wouldn't bother me if Dench won. After all, "Mrs. Brown," in which Dame Judi starred as Queen Victoria, and not "Titanic," should have won Best Picture last year.

(Questions? comments? E-mail Bill Mann at Newsmann@aol.com)

OBITUARIES

Libby

Libby, a California native, died at home in Visalia, age 78. The 1941 UC Berkeley graduate was employed in various government agencies and real estate until 1955.

Libby returned to UC Berkeley for the study in city planning. In 1955, he was co-founder and executive of the family enterprise, Libby Enterprises in Berkeley.

Libby was politically active and contributed meaningfully in community affairs.

Libby was a bridge player, she was a Kensington resident since 1955.

Libby was the wife of Libby, and mother of four children, Karen, Susan and Peggy. Her four grandchildren are: Brittney Libby, Laura Van and Damon Guthrie. Her two grandsons are Nicholas and Van Hoff. A celebration will be held in April. Donations can be addressed to the Heart Association.

Clifford

Clifford, owner of American Express, a leading national replacement service, died in Berkeley, March 1, of heart attack.

Clifford, born Ralph Clifford in San Francisco in 1929, his surname when he became in New York City the 1950s.

Clifford worked in theatres and was a founder of Berkeley's Good Company. He graduated from University of California at Berkeley major in 1951.

Clifford worked as technician of the Lafayette-based Revue and then relocated

to the East Coast for seven years of varied theatrical activity teaching at the American Theatre Wing, stage managing for Jose Limon, Julius Monk, David Susskind and Ben Bagley, stage managing and directing at Peterborough Playhouse and the Brandywine Music Circus.

In 1960 Clifford moved to Los Angeles where he produced commercial films at Rocket Pictures, directed "Under Milk Wood" and "Lost in the Stars" and was the stage manager for the Passion Play Tours, "The Pilgrimage Play" and The Guild Opera.

In the mid-1960s he headed the rehearsal department for the San Francisco Opera later working as stage manager and assistant director from 1973 to 1980. He also managed and directed productions for Portland Opera, San Jose Opera, The San Diego Opera, Long Beach Opera, Minneapolis Opera, Music Academy of the West and designed productions for Diablo Valley College, Concord, CA.

In 1981 Clifford began his business in Franciscan ware and Russel Wright pottery, china and aluminum. By the time of his death he was a leading American authority on Franciscan and Russel Wright ceramics.

From 1986 to 1997 he also produced the Berkeley-Oakland Book and Paper Collectors Fair, the biggest and oldest biannual book show in the East Bay.

Clifford is survived by his former wife, Roberta Clifford of San Francisco and by the Hurley family of Berkeley with whom he made his home for the last 21 years. The Hurley family plans to continue American Dinnerware in Clifford's absence.

A memorial service with string quartet led by James Hurley will be held at St. John's Center, 2727 College Ave. at Garber Street at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 11.

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Classes

The City of El Cerrito is continuing its lap and water aerobics swim schedule through April 30. Call 215-4378 for schedule, prices and additional information.

Portraits and Places, watercolors by Susan Cornelis exhibit will continue through May 17 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Details: 524-9283.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug; 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate;

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Vista College. Through May 24; "American Fiction: 1945 to the Present" with Dr. Yehudit Goldfarb; \$38 All classes located on the UC-Berkeley campus; 841-8860.

Health

Ongoing

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 846-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

The City of El Cerrito is accepting job applications for 1999 Summer Employment, day camp and pool staff positions. Ages 15 plus (must have job permit if under 18) Ages 12 + for volunteers. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 215-4370.

The Kensington 55+ Activity Center presents The Art of Mask making on March 18 on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Kensington Senior Center is sponsored by West Contra Costa Adult School and

Arlington Community Church. For additional information call 526-9146 or Virginia Walker, 547-1969.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank, 10901 Russett St., sponsors Hunger Awareness Month Community Convention on Tuesday, March 30. Showcase of volunteers and daily operations will take place from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and a Public Policy/Hunger panel discussion and a social potluck from 5 to 7 p.m. RSVP by calling 568-3683.

"Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 844-8292.

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Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

Stroke Support Group for Stroke survivors, their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Maffly Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

The Women's Cancer Researcher Friends and Family Support group for emotional support and friends of women with cancer. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Kensington. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for details.

New Beginnings - a chemical dependency treatment program at the El Cerrito Community Center in El Cerrito. Offers support group information. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Kensington. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for details.

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Senior Living

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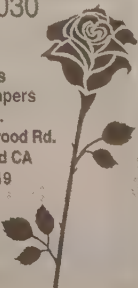


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and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

Photographs and prints by Ricardo Gil, Seiko Tachibana, and David Wolf will be on exhibit through March 28 at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Addison Street Windows, 2018 Addison St., continues its exhibit "Of These No Elegy" through April 2. Artists talk are Tuesday March 23, 7 p.m. at 495 Embarcadero West and Washington.

New Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. ex-

cept major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., is featuring "Passages", 12 sculptors explore Explicit or Metaphorical Passages. The exhibit will run through April 18. Hours are Wednesday, through Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 525-7821 for details.

The East Bay Women Artists present an exhibit "The Creative Edge" through April 25. Gallery hours are Monday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The exhibit takes place at Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Boulevard. Details call 339-0348.

The Albany Arts Committee presents "Portraits and Places," watercolors by Susan Cornelia, on exhibit through May 17, at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. Details: call 524-9283.

"Art-On-Site": Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. through March 24; eight-week slide lecture and field trip series; Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St.; 525-2464.

East Bay Women Artists present an exhibit "The Creative Edge" through April 25 at the Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd. Gallery hours are Monday through Sunday 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Literary Events

Ongoing

"Strong Women: Writers and Heroes of American Literature": 1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. every Thursday; free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program; Helen Ripper Wheeler, instructor; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way; 549-2970 after 9 a.m.

Meetings

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1282 meets Tuesday, March 23 at 1 p.m. at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stanage Ave., Albany. Dr. Gloria Hing speaks on "Quality Eye Care for Seniors."

Kathy Buell, production coordinator in the San Francisco office for The New Hours with Jim Lehrer TV program will be the speaker of the next meeting of the Richmond-El Cerrito branch of the American Association of University women. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 20 at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. The meeting is open to all interested people. Further information call 526-8941.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Meta-physical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing: Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

Toastmasters meet every Tuesday,

noon to 1 p.m., 700 Heinz Avenue. Call 869-4706.

The Berkeley Gray Panther's Education Committee meets on Monday March 15 at 2:30 p.m. at 1403 Addison St. Call 548-9696.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 648-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-6337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous: a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.)

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St. Paul's Towers

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tion of entrees, including low sodium and low-fat items, and special dietary needs can be accommodated when requested.

This vital community's busy social scene includes a full calendar of art, fitness and recreation classes, as well as a variety of social and cultural events. Residents can relax in their own comfortable apartment, or join friends in St. Paul's Towers' gracious lounge, solarium, library, or art and music rooms.

Cultural venues such as the historic Paramount Theatre and the Oakland Museum are just minutes away, and the fine restaurants, shops and service establishments of Jack London Square, Piedmont Avenue, Grand Avenue and Lakeshore are also nearby. Picturesque Lake Merritt, located just across the street from St. Paul's Towers, is an ideal backdrop for invigorating walks, bird-watching, and lawn bowling with friends.

At St. Paul's Towers, weekly housekeeping and linen services are provided, and all utilities and local phone service are also included in the monthly fee.

St. Paul's Towers is a non-denominational retirement community owned and operated by the Episcopal Homes Foundation, a not-for-profit leader in providing full Life Care for over 30 years. For more information on St. Paul's Towers, to schedule a personal tour, or to attend an informational open house, call Karon Sullivan at (510) 891-8543.

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Regulate

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ments that would "decriminalize" first-time violations of the code by citizens or residents.

Under the original proposal, if an individual consumed alcoholic beverages, tied ropes between bushes, shrubs or trees, set up tents, sleeping bags or other shelters for the purpose of overnight camping, built unauthorized fires, or remained in a park between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., they could be charged with a misdemeanor.

New language proposed reduced penalties for first time violators.

Both the Park and Recreation Commission and the council agreed the real intent of the ordinance was to evict residents of the landfill known as the bulb, land slated to become part of a state park. As a consequence, mention of city parks and open space was eliminated from the proposal.

Members of the commission recommended that policies governing other park and open space be de-

veloped after a more thorough study by the commission and council. However, Zweben and Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma retained language that included "public property areas abutting and contiguous to" Condonics and Cerrito Creek in the ordinance.

Councilman Ed McManus raised the specter of bulb residents relocating to Albany Hill, or possibly even Memorial Park. He said people are already camping out on the hill and that by not including Albany Hill in the ordinance, more might move there.

Councilman Robert Good knitted his brows and suggested it was not wise to make the ordinance encompass all park problems that might arise, saying there is "plenty of time" to define other potential problems in the future.

But McManus refused to budge and suggested the city might be put in a pickle if it does not include Albany Hill and Creekside Park in the proposal.

Other council members questioned precisely what areas would be specifically included in "public property areas abutting and contiguous to" the creeks. Zweben said

such areas would be largely defined by "signage" much like restricted parking areas are identified.

Eventually a motion passed that amended the proposed ordinance to include Creekside Park and Albany Hill. The council then voted unanimously in favor of the "first reading" of the ordinance, meaning the proposal passed the first hurdle in a process that may result in the ordinance going into effect as soon as June.

Animals and e-mail

City Administrator Daren Fields urged the council to adopt new policies regarding animals in the workplace and electronic mail.

Declaring that he was "tired of paying out claims to people who bring an inappropriate pet to work," Fields pushed for a policy that would ban any animals from "any site of activity in which the City has a representative present, including, but not limited to, any City building, facility, park or play area."

Though Fields said he "felt bad" making the proposal, he said "animals in the work place provide conflict."

Rabbits, hamsters, goldfish and any "animals which are kept in a cage or enclosed environment" would be exempted from the prohibition if a "department head" requested their presence for one-time educational purposes. Seeing-eye

dogs would also be allowed at city sites.

McManus said the rules might be too restrictive, explaining there are "seeing dogs in training" that haven't yet achieved official status that would be unfairly restricted by the ban. He also mentioned goats as another creature effectively used from time to time for educational purposes that would be banned by the proposal.

The same resolution addressed email and other forms of electronic communication at city hall. A 2-1/2-page document entitled "electronic media policy" reserved the right for the city to "enter, search, monitor, copy and/or retrieve computer files, voicemail, email, internet or any type of electronic file of any employee or elected official without notice ..." The policy suggested the city needed such access in order to investigate theft, disclosure of confidential business or proprietary information, or personal use of such systems "unrelated to city business."

Citing the transmission or downloading of sexually explicit images or messages as one example of activity prohibited by the city, Fields said such a policy is imperative.

Councilman Jon Ely said electronic media is sometimes used to pass along ethnic slurs or offensive cartoons, pointing to faxed images as one area of such abuse.

The animal and electronic mail policies were wrapped in the same

blanket and voted on as one resolution. All members voted to approve the measure, except McManus, who objected to details of the animal ordinance.

Other council news

Prior to the regularly scheduled session of the council, members met for a San Pablo Avenue economic development work session.

Fields presented a number of projects and proposals regarding the future of what is Route 123 in the state highway system. He asked the council for guidance regarding work being done with the University of California at Albany Village, specifically efforts to create commercial development along San Pablo Avenue.

Fields also discussed efforts to complete a "Streetscape Master Plan" for the busy thoroughfare.

After presenting a slide show of different business locations on San Pablo, Fields suggested there was a "lot of potential" for economic development along the highway, projects that could enhance both the

general appearance of the area and possibly produce more jobs for the city. He suggested an approach would probably be to develop "mixed usage" along the highway, meaning both residential and commercial growth.

Fields said it would be important to study whether a rezoning plan might stimulate economic development along the highway, though he did not suggest the project be undertaken.

Ely suggested there are many opportunities to develop the San Pablo corridor as part of the East Shore Project, a development area he referred to as a "brainier." Ely said it was important to investigate the possibility of development on the avenue as the city is careful and working with the many neighboring communities.

The council authorized grants and other funding for investigations and studies for development of San Pablo Avenue.

Worms

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it also re-enforced the lessons he and his fellow students learned in the classroom.

"I think it's a good idea because it teaches us about the environment

and recycling," Daniel said.

Just about everyone came out a winner from the program. The students learned through enjoyable activities, the worms got lunch, and the county reduced waste. "It's all about recycling and reducing waste at the source," said Taurean.

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Event

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right.

But it was dark and gloomy, then she went to the light.

Principal Bill McPhee, who shared poems he wrote years before, was moved by the readings. "I think this is another way for our staff and kids to in a sense bond, because we're doing a cultural kind of event in connection with seniors and staff and kids," he said. "It's another opportunity for different community groups to get together. Of course, from an educational point of view it's important that we recognize the good things these kids do."

McPhee credited Charlip's

"unique ability to bring out the talents of these kids" for the event success. He said several of the poems were so good that people offered to buy them. "Our goal is to take some of these kids' artwork and put it in a gallery on consignment," MacGregor's principal said. "That's another way they can see the connection between school and the world of work."

Yet there are also lessons adults can learn from many of the students at MacGregor. They have a view of the world quite different than many residents in Albany, one as sharp as a dagger and as gentle as the rain.

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Opinion

Around Town

By Chris Treadway

Closely guarded secrets

WON, HELP US OUT: Apparent parents dine out with kids and are not recommending last year's locally. And if you've found a place you don't want to be, you want to let others in on your place, we're offering the space at a discount. E-mail us at journal@ccco.net or drop us a line at Journal Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530.

ASK A SIMPLE QUESTION, get a complex answer: Two installments of this column speculated about Albany High School and why work has stalled yet. The land where the building was torn down "looks like an abandoned gas station," we also wrote about talk among parents wondering why the school doesn't consider moving kids into the temporary portables into the middle school building when complete, leaving the current middle schoolers at their present site under a new high school is built.

Board member Marsha Skinner offered some answers along the way first before going public with our questions.

Over the lack of movement on school construction. The problem is the state is providing the funds for the project. "We hoped to be out for bid by now on the agenda for an obscure agency for May," Skinner says. "It's a situation we expected."

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mentary facility. And at a capacity of 750 students, the new middle school is not large enough to handle the high school's enrollment, she said.

That explanation may be hard for AHS students and parents to understand given the crowded conditions at the high school, but large scale plans are not always easily changed. This skinner is scheduled to meet with Skinner today to tour the middle school construction and discuss the issues. More will follow here.

The street conversion which took place with little fanfare, happened March 1, deprives motorists of a shortcut between the two cities, but it has to be a relief to the Behrens neighborhood, which otherwise stood to see a lot more vehicle traffic.

AROUND TOWN: What else was gleaned from the reports to the AUSD board: The new elementary school taking over the present middle school space will be called Ocean View ... Over in the West Contra Costa Unified School District, meanwhile, parents and students saw two new notices posted: One outlining the penalties for creating a disruption, the other stating the requirement that visitors must check in at the school office. Both were posted after last week's stabbing of a 4th grade teacher in Richmond by a parent ... The Plaza co-owners (don't call them "partners," they insist) made a presentation two weeks ago today to CCISCO, the group that took up the mantle of advocating efforts for a department store in town.

The presentation, to no one's surprise, included no mention of a department store, and we've heard that what it did entail, primarily plans for the north half of the property, received a less-than-enthusiastic response. Considering the lack of a department store, that's again a no surprise, but it's also no reason the proposal shouldn't advance to the next regulatory step. Not present at the session—Councilman Larry Damon, the elected official most outspoken in favor of a department store. Damon said he skipped the meeting because he wants to make the statement that the council/redevelopment agency has backed out of participation in Plaza planning other than the required approval process ... While it doesn't look like it's ready from the outside, the former Idaho Motel on San Pablo Avenue in EC is set to open next month under the wing of Rubicon Programs for homeless who are HIV-positive or have mental illness ... The Richmond police and Citizens Against Homicide unveiled a billboard last month at the corner of 23rd and Cutting Boulevard in Richmond that offers a \$30,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the murderer of Karla Zimmerman, who was killed at 11:06 p.m. on April 22, 1997 while her car was stopped at a traffic light at Marina Bay Parkway and 23rd Street. Anyone with information can call the Richmond police at 620-6658 or Citizens Against Homicide at (415) 455-5944.

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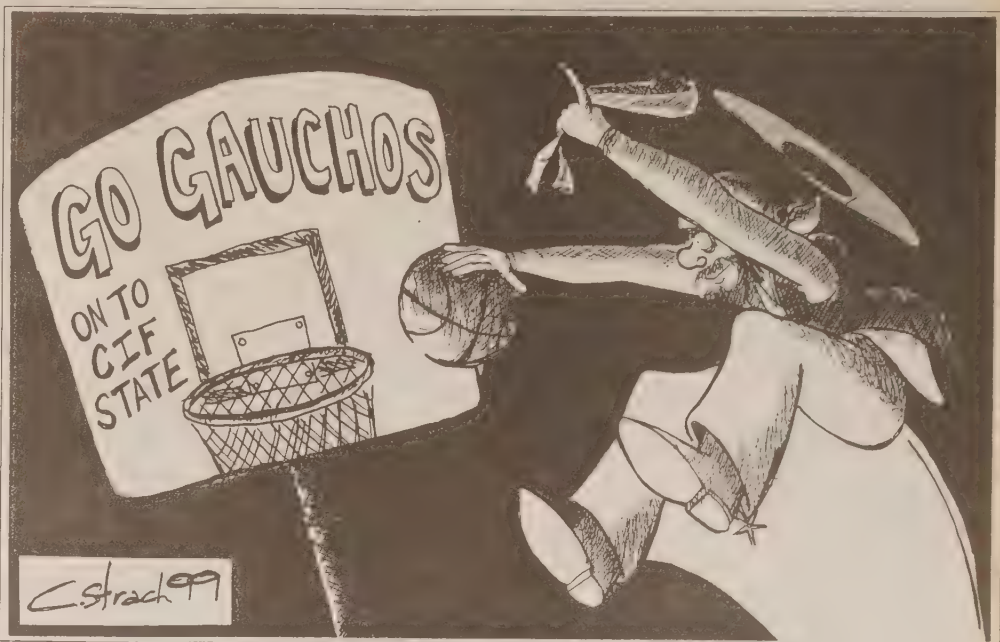
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Audible traffic signals welcome

Kudos to the city of El Cerrito for its commitment to install audible traffic signal equipment for four busy intersections along San Pablo Avenue ("Audible crossing signals coming to El Cerrito"). Slowly but surely people with visual impairments are being able to access the same information as their fully-sighted counterparts, i.e., when it is (at least relatively) safe to cross a street. It will be a great day when all intersections controlled by lights have audible signals.

I found this article particularly interesting (maybe even Machiavellian) since it was juxtaposed with a cartoon on the editorial page. A man on a busy corner is saying to an elderly lady: "I've figured it out. Ever since they increased maximum traffic flow on San Pablo, we have exactly 4.9 seconds to cross safely... Better get ready..." As an Orientation and Mobility Specialist who teaches safe travel techniques to students with visual impairments in the West Contra Costa County Unified School District, I trust that when pedestrian signals are activated on San Pablo Avenue, pedestrians will have longer than 4.9 seconds to cross that busy, five-lane street.

Jean Olmstead
Albany

PS. In The Journal's information box is a statement that e-mail is preferred to faxes or snail mail. I readily admit that I have troubles with visual sorting, and I looked carefully through 2 issues of The Journal, never once finding the appropriate information. How 'bout including it???

Editor's Note: We like to keep our readers happy, so consider it done.

Support Albany schools measure

On June 8 the citizens of Albany will have an opportunity to improve the quality (and perhaps quantity) of our children's education. On that day, a special election will be held to de-

cide on a parcel tax to augment our school system's budget by approximately \$1 million per year. Our student population has grown almost 25 percent in the 1990s and our budget has not kept pace with this significant growth.

Our state's children currently rank 41st in the country in per student funding and 47th in reading comprehension (as tested at the fourth and eighth grade levels in 1998). This is unacceptable for our future! Please be part of an active citizenry and support the "Yes! For Albany School" measure with your time, energy and donations. A two-thirds majority is needed to pass this vital measure.

Charlie Prins, D.C.
Amy Freeman
Albany

Keep Albany schools at the top

As long time residents of Albany, we are committed to keeping our school district one of the top ranked in the state of California.

We understand the need to supplement the school district budget. Every top school district in the state gets extra funding. Most have additional funding sources like the proposed school parcel tax on the ballot this June in Albany.

We urge our neighbors to help Albany maintain a reputation as a city that educates its children and to vote yes in June for the \$120 per year parcel tax for our schools.

Belinda Lum
Robert Marshall
Albany

Thoughtless views on military

Martin Snapp's admiration of militarism, in his column last week welcoming the Marine exercise "Urban Warrior" to the Bay Area, struck me as appalling. In a week when even Clinton was apologizing for what the U.S. military has done in Guatemala during the past several decades, could we not have done without Snapp's thoughtless remarks about the wonderfulness of the "military community"? The

military "virtues" that he so highly touts – "a sense of honor", "doing the job right" – were perfectly exemplified by Nazi troops. Their "job" just happened to include, for example, the extermination of Jews.

I would like to clear up one of Snapp's distortions in particular. He writes that "The incidence of returning Vietnam vets being spat on or called 'baby-killers' happened more often than most of us ex-Berkeley radicals like to admit." The idea that a considerable number, if not most, radical protesters in the '60s despised or hated soldiers was a fabrication propagated by the right in this country, aiming to convince soldiers that the anti-war movement was their enemy.

After reading Snapp's column, I asked around, among friends who, like myself, were active in Bay Area protest movements during the war in IndoChina. Not a single one of them remembers anyone in our ranks ever spitting on a soldier or calling them "baby-killers." What we did believe is that soldiers' lives were being put at risk in order to serve the interests of this country's ruling powers. More than a few soldiers and ex-soldiers arrived at the same conclusion and joined the anti-war movement. (In the mid-'60s, anti-war activists organized GI coffee shops across the nation, where soldiers of every persuasion came to socialize and talk about their lives with young people like ourselves.) This is not to say that we on the left did not have our weaknesses. We certainly did. But Snapp's column does not help us to understand them.

"The time has come," Snapp concludes, "to stop seeing every issue through Vietnam-colored glasses." As if the U.S. military – including advisors and training centers like the "School of the Americas" at Fort Benning Georgia – had nothing to do with the devastation of other Asian countries such as Laos, and Cambodia during the '60s and '70s, with the violent repression in Latin American and African nations that has gone on for many decades and continues still today, and with the senseless, massively destructive bombing of Iraq. Let us not allow a facile amnesia to obscure this historical record.

Raymond Barglow
Berkeley

VIEWPOINT

Group presses for quieter BART operation

Citizens for a Quieter Neighborhood is continuing to urge BART to reduce the noise generated by its trains around the curve north of the El Cerrito Del Norte station. Although the group is not a neighborhood, it represents many East Richmond residents north of Barrett Ave. are livable with current noise levels from northbound trains is unacceptable levels for the area living south of Barrett that the group represents.

On Feb. 12, letter to BART Board member Dan Richard, the group BART to re-grind the north-track around the curve just north of the station and immediately with the group afterwards to

ensure that the results are satisfactory. To prevent this problem from recurring, the group urged BART to implement a schedule of annual track grinding in noisy areas that impact many residents.

For more information or to add your name to the Citizens' mailing list, leave a voicemail message at (510) 236-2128.

The text of the letter to BART board President Dan Richard:

I represent the Citizens for a Quieter Neighborhood, whose primary mission for the past three years has been to reduce the noise generated by BART trains in the area just north of the El Cerrito Del Norte BART station. After notify-

ing BART this past summer that the tracks needed to be re-ground, we would like to acknowledge your partial resolution of this problem. We appreciate the efforts of BART Board members Willie Kennedy, Joel Keller, and Roy Nakadegawa for their support and advice and Chief Engineer James Dunn for his patience, technical knowledge, and implementation skills.

Although noise generated by BART trains bound south from the Richmond station toward the Del Norte station has decreased significantly since the tracks were re-ground in mid-1998, noise generated by trains bound north from the Del Norte station toward Richmond is

still at unacceptable levels. We have repeatedly discussed this problem with members of Mr. Dunn's staff and former president James Fang, but their response has not been reassuring and the noise generated by northbound trains has not decreased enough to allow nearby residents quiet enjoyment of their homes.

We have been working with BART to resolve this problem for over eight months now, and our patience is wearing thin. The East Richmond Neighborhood Council may be comfortable with the current level of noise, but the level in the neighborhoods we serve is still unacceptable. We urge you to (1) re-grind the northbound track around the curve

just north of the Del Norte station as soon as possible and (2) keep us informed by notifying our group of the date and time of the re-grinding and immediately consulting with us afterwards to ensure that the results are satisfactory. To prevent this problem from recurring, we request that you implement a schedule of annual track grinding in particularly noisy areas that impact many residents (such as the curve north of the Del Norte station). For other areas, track grinding may be needed less frequently.

We recognize that it is difficult and expensive for BART to reduce the noise of its trains to the whisper-quiet levels promised when BART

was first proposed in the Bay Area. We remain optimistic, however, that BART can achieve acceptable noise levels if it makes that a top priority. It is clearly better public relations for BART to be proactive in this regard rather than waiting for angry residents to contact the media and file lawsuits after an intolerable problem remains unrectified.

Thank you for your past efforts. We look forward to receiving a written commitment from you regarding your plans to reduce the noise generated by your trains.

Sincerely,
Barbara J. Hill
for the Citizens for a Quieter Neighborhood

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Section B

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Gauchos headed to state final

El Cerrito wins NorCal basketball crown

By Curtis Pashelka

SACRAMENTO — El Cerrito boys basketball claimed its first-ever trip to the state championship on Saturday with a 48-41 win over Acalanes in the California Interscholastic Federation Division III NorCal regional finals at Arco Arena.

The top-seeded Gauchos withstood a furious fourth quarter rally by the Dons to get to the title game.

After leading by 11 points midway through the third quarter, Acalanes fought back to make the score 44-41 when E. J. Vercelles hit three free throws with 1:40 left.

That was as close as Acalanes would get as El Cerrito scored the final four points of the game.

Those shots came from the hands of El Cerrito's two marquee players this season.

Jovan Harris drove to the basket with 45 seconds left, to give the Gauchos a 46-41 lead. Then Gauchos center Andrew Gooden hit three free throws with 17 seconds to go to ice the game.

"We're happy with the position that we're in, but we're not completely happy with the way we played," said El Cerrito coach Chris Huber. "Acalanes is a very good team, but we can play a lot better. We hope to play up to our potential when we go against our Southern California opponent."

Better shooting

El Cerrito will play Washington Union of Fresno in the state championship game this Saturday at Arco Arena at 2:30 p.m.

If the Gauchos hope to prevail in the state title game, they will have to improve on the 19-for-62 shooting performance they had against Acalanes.

Throughout the game, El Cerrito missed several easy shots in the paint and could not put the Dons away until the final seconds.

The poor shooting started in the first quarter when El Cerrito was 3 of 18 from the floor and fell behind 10-9. But the Gauchos started to put things together offensively after that.

With Acalanes leading 17-15 midway through the second quarter, El Cerrito went on a 12-0 run in the last four minutes of

the half.

Emonte Jernigan led the Gauchos with 10 points while Harris added eight.

The Gauchos would have had a bigger halftime lead than 27-17 had Gooden gotten untracked.

The Kansas-bound center shot a paltry 3 of 12 from the floor in the first half.

"I came out shooting the ball horribly, but I tried not let it get into my head," said Gooden, who finished with 14 points and 14 rebounds. "You can have all of the excuses in the world; new ball, tight rim, the environment. There's so many excuses."

Dons ailing

Acalanes, meanwhile, seemed to be fighting an uphill battle from the start.

Seventy seconds into the first quarter, point guard Justin Smith left the game with a hyperextension of his left knee. Smith missed the rest of the first half and played only briefly in the third quarter.

Smith's injury forced forward Matt Teichmann to bring the ball upcourt for the Dons. It was apparent Acalanes missed its point guard, as the Dons couldn't get into an offensive rhythm in the first half, shooting 5 of 26 from the floor while committing seven turnovers.

Acalanes tried every way it could to get back into the game after halftime as Vercelles came off the bench and immediately had an impact by scoring five points in the third quarter. Erik Ramp also found his stroke, getting his first six points of the game in the third quarter.

Those two players helped the Dons cut the Gauchos lead to 38-30 after 24 minutes.

Acalanes held off El Cerrito's patented third quarter run, and continued to make inroads into the Gauchos' lead when Ramp drove to the bucket to start the fourth quarter and make the score 38-32.

El Cerrito then maintained at least a six point lead until Vercelles hit his three free throws. But it wasn't enough for the Dons, who had beaten Natomas of Sacramento and Riordan of San Francisco to advance to Saturday's game.

"We worked our butts off for 10

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EL CERRITO'S Jovan Harris (35) drives past Acalanes's Terry Moore (42) in the NorCal Div. III basketball finals Saturday at the Arco Arena in Sacramento. The Gauchos won, 48-41, to advance to the state finals Saturday.

El Cerrito's trademark third quarter

Gauchos use late run to reach NorCal finals

By Mike McGreehan

El Cerrito High School's boys basketball team has developed a characteristic pattern of play in recent games: the Gauchos fall behind early, go ahead late in the first half, then blow the opposition out with a big third quarter.

El Cerrito played true to form last Thursday in its Northern California Regional Division III semifinal at Berkeley High.

The Gauchos trailed at the end of the first quarter, led by a bucket at halftime, then put San Mateo High away with a strong third quarter en route to a 71-54 win.

"It's our trademark, that third quarter," said Gauchos coach Chris Huber. "There was good chemistry with guys supporting one another. It was a good effort by everybody."

El Cerrito advanced to the NorCal final at the Arco Arena in Sacramento on Saturday, where it beat Acalanes 48-41 in a rematch of the North Coast Section final

(see related story). El Cerrito had beaten Acalanes 71-59 for the NCS title March 6.

San Mateo shot superbly in the first half, giving the Gauchos all they could handle defensively. El Cerrito especially had its hands full with San Mateo's Cardell Butler, who finished with a game-high 31 points.

El Cerrito, though, held its own offensively. A bombs-away approach characterized the first quarter, as San Mateo seemed to hit 3-pointers at will. But El Cerrito's top two players, Andrew Gooden and Jovan Harris, managed to keep their team close.

Gooden and Harris accounted for all of El Cerrito's first-quarter scoring. Gooden scored 12 of his 27 points that quarter. Harris scored seven of his 21.

That Gooden and Harris, who are headed to Kansas and St. Mary's College, respectively, would lead the Gauchos is no surprise. What was surprising was the way they scored those points.

Unusual scoring

Gooden, at 6-foot-9, is usually El Cerrito's inside presence. But thanks to San Mateo's defense, Gooden took the opportunity to showcase his talents from outside, as he buried two 3-pointers in the first quarter before adding a third trey early in the second.

Harris, known for driving the lane and for high-flying dunks, also showed another dimension to his game by burying a trey in the first quarter.

Gooden's third and final trey of the night pulled the Gauchos within one point at 26-25 early in the second quarter. Harris added a free throw moments later to tie.

San Mateo then went on one final run, scoring six straight points for a 32-26 lead. But El Cerrito crept back by continuing to give San Mateo a taste of its own medicine.

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The real Jackets show up to beat Acalanes

Berkeley lacrosse wins in double OT

By Richard Karraker

Berkeley High boys lacrosse had reason to doubt its ability and future after a 10-5 loss to lightly regarded Menlo High on Saturday.

Instead the team came to together with a jolt and defeated powerful Acalanes 6-5 in double overtime Tuesday afternoon at Berkeley.

The several hundred fans in attendance were uncertain of which Berkeley team would show up on this bleak afternoon.

The Yellowjackets came into the game ready to put the loss to Menlo behind them.

"The team practiced well on Monday," said senior Nick Bradley. "The Menlo game is history. We're ready."

Senior midfielder Ben Schooler made sure Bradley was right. Schooler put the Jackets' fate on his shoulders by scoring four goals, including the game winner in double overtime.

The Jackets jumped out to a 4-2 lead in the first half behind three goals by



BERKELEY'S Aisha Hollans (23) and Sabrina Keys (34) grapple with Mitty's Simone Hicks (center) in the NorCal Div. I finals. Berkeley lost 61-53.

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Berkeley falters in NorCal finals

Jackets can't sink shots, fall to Mitty

By Curtis Pashelka

SACRAMENTO — Berkeley High girls basketball was denied a chance to return to the California Interscholastic Federation Division I state final on Saturday after losing 61-53 to Archbishop Mitty of San Jose in the NorCal regional final at Arco Arena.

The Yellowjackets had been in the state final game the previous two seasons. Last year they beat Mitty in the NorCal finals to reach the state, but not this time around.

A 19-for-57 shooting performance and a 9-2 run by the Monarchs in the final three minutes ended the Jackets' season one week before they had hoped.

"They were more poised than we were at the end," said Berkeley junior Aisha Hollans, who finished with 24 points. "Mitty has a really good team and I respect them all. We did a good job, but we could have done better. We just need to regroup and have everybody ready for next year."

Next season now seems like a long way off, especially after losing to a team that they had beaten easily in last year's NorCal final.

But this was a different Archbishop Mitty team. They were ranked first in the state by Cal-Hi Sports for most of the season and appeared to be the favorite going into the game.

Berkeley's lead

But it didn't start out that way. Berkeley (26-6) had its biggest lead of the game in the first quarter as it grabbed an early 13-6 lead with the help of nine points from Hollans.

While Hollans was connecting offensively, the rest of the Yellowjackets were not. In the second quarter, forwards Robin Roberson, Sabrina Keys and Coriel Davis shot a combined 2-for-10 from the floor.

That allowed Archbishop Mitty (31-0) to erase the early-seven point deficit and eventually take a 19-18 lead with 5:30 left in the second quarter.

Leading the way for the Monarchs were guards Kristin Iwanaga and Kerri Nakamoto, who had five points each in the second quarter to give their team a 28-25 lead at halftime.

"I told my team at halftime that I thought we should have been ahead 38-

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Jackets semifinal an omen for finals

By Mike McGreehan

If Berkeley could have maintained the same level of play it showed for four magical minutes last Thursday in a 54-47 win at home over Castlemont, a state Division I girls basketball championship would have been a foregone conclusion.

But the sports world can fill a book with stories "ifs," "could haves" and "would haves."

Berkeley wrote the latest chapter Saturday after a 61-53 loss to Archbishop Mitty in the NorCal final at Sacramento's Arco Arena. It was a bitter end to what had been a great season for the Yellowjackets (26-6), who had entertained visions of a state championship after reaching the state final last year.

What had gone wrong? It was just two days earlier that the team showed a glimpse of what might have been when it faced Castlemont in NorCal semifinal play.

During the first four minutes of the third quarter, the second-seeded Jackets could do no wrong. They scored 11 straight points and appeared to have the Oakland Athletic League champion safely in their rearview mirrors.

The Jackets had played most of their games this season in the same dominating manner. It was the other 28 minutes that served as an omen of things to come for Berkeley, which staved off a late charge by the Knights to pull out its win.

"We almost let them back in the game," said Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura. "We missed layups and easy buckets."

Neither team showed much in the first half, which ended with the Yellowjackets holding a 24-21 lead.

After halftime, though, the Jackets looked more like the team that had rolled through its East Bay Athletic League schedule without a loss. Berkeley seemed to be cruising along with a 35-21 advantage.

Berkeley later went ahead 39-23 - its biggest lead of the game - but the sharpness that had characterized earlier had vanished. Had the Jackets maintained their level of play, they would have led by more than 20 points. By the end of the third quarter, Castlemont had trimmed Berkeley's lead to 41-29. At that time, Aisha Hollans drove the lane, put up a shot that went in the basket, and crashed to the floor after colliding with a Castlemont defender. Berkeley

thought it was up by 13 with a chance to make it 14 if Hollans could complete her three-point play.

To the Jackets' dismay, the referee called a charge against Hollans. "We're trying to promote women's officiating, but she put women's officiating back 10 years," Nakamura said, referring to the female referee who made the call against Hollans.

Berkeley's problems didn't end with Hollans' foul. Just 20 seconds later Nichole Hardaway got whistled for her fifth foul, a block. Despite protests, she would have to sit the rest of the night. Sabrina Keys opened a little breathing room for the Yellowjackets by hitting a basket with 3:48 left for a 46-40 lead.

With one minute left Robin Roberson put back an offensive rebound for a 50-43 advantage. Berkeley's outlook got even better when Coriel Davis netted two free throws for a nine-point advantage with 43.2 seconds to play. Hollans led the Jackets with 14 points and McGlaston added 10. Hardaway scored eight before fouling out. Keys had seven.

Davis, who fouled out with 13.8 seconds left, added six points. Roberson also scored six. Angelita Hutton nailed a trey for her only points.

Berkeley

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20," Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura said. "That should have been the halftime score if we would have converted 70 percent of what we shot in there."

The Monarchs held their lead for most of the third quarter then increased it to five points when Aimee Grzyb hit two free throws to give her team a 42-37 lead with 1:27 to play.

Not done yet

But Berkeley wasn't done yet. Af-

ter Hollans converted a three point play, Roberson sank two free throws to open the fourth quarter and tie the game at 42 with 7:21 to play.

Hollans then converted another three-point play with 6:20 left to give the Yellowjackets a 45-43 lead.

The two teams then exchanged baskets for the next three minutes until Monarchs forward Rometra Craig drove the lane to give her team a 51-49 lead with 2:30 left.

Archbishop Mitty would not trail again as the Monarchs went on a 7-2 run from that point to ice the game.

Craig, the daughter of former 49ers players Roger Craig, led the

Monarchs with 21 points in 18 bounds. She was a first-team All-State player this year and most likely will be named MVP.

"(Craig) has been a star all year long," Monarchs coach Sue Phillips-Chargin said. "Rometra has played her best basketball. She has had a major impact in this game."

Archbishop Mitty will play for the Div. I state title this year at Arco Arena at 6 p.m.

El Cerrito

FROM PAGE B1

With 1:02 left in the half, Emonte Jernigan hit a 3-pointer from the right corner to cut San Mateo's lead to 34-33.

When Jeremiah King sunk another trey with a half-minute left, the Gauchos were in the lead for keeps at 36-34.

"At halftime, we said (San Mateo) can't shoot that well the entire game," said Huber. "We just have to bear down defensively and not let them have second shots."

El Cerrito did play well on defense in the second half. The Gauchos

weren't too shabby on offense, either.

Gooden sets tone

El Cerrito opened the second half with an 8-2 run. Gooden started the half with a put-back of his own rebound - a play that seemed to set the tone for the rest of the half.

When Harris scored off a steal, the Gauchos had a 42-36 lead with 5:21 to go in the quarter. Less than a minute later, Harris buried two free throws to put the Gauchos up by eight.

San Mateo got within five points, but never came any closer. When Jernigan scored off a steal by King, the Gauchos had a 48-41 lead with

2:52 left in the quarter.

Another Jernigan basket with 12 seconds later opened the third quarter. El Cerrito extended its lead to 54-43 by the end of the quarter.

Some teams become complacent with a big third-quarter lead. The Gauchos did not let up in the period. Consecutive baskets by Jernigan and Jamal Hill gave El Cerrito a 60-48 lead at the end of the biggest lead of the night, 60-48 in the contest.

Jernigan finished the game with 11 points. King added five. Jamal Hill four. Billy Hill three.

Jackets

FROM PAGE B1

Schooler.

Acalanes was able to stay in the game with a powerplay goal after a Berkeley penalty.

The halftime lead was quickly reduced to a one-goal advantage when Acalanes scored a second goal with a two-man advantage.

Berkeley was able to go the rest of the way without a penalty, but Acalanes tied at 5-5 to send the game

into overtime.

Trippy overtime

The first overtime was a tense affair with Berkeley holding the ball the majority of the time.

The Jackets were unable to score despite their chances and the score remained 5-5 as the second overtime began.

After a few minutes had elapsed in the four-minute overtime, midfielder Tom Smith, started a right-hand drive to the goal. As he approached the net he tripped and

began to fall.

On his way down, Smith was able to flip the ball to Schooler who turned and fired a rocket into the Acalanes net for the Berkeley win.

The win put Berkeley back in first place in the eastern division of the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association.

After the game the team mobbed Schooler and head coach Chris Sparhawk.

"We're back and the rest of the league knows it," said Schooler. "If

we continue to play like this we will be hard to beat."

The next Berkeley home game is not until after spring break. The Yellowjackets are however playing in the Golden Gate tournament at Novato on March 27 & 28.

High-powered high school teams from around the country and state will square off at Indian Valley junior college in Novato.

Gauchos

FROM PAGE B1

months and went farther than any other team in the Acalanes Union High School District (in 12 years),?

Acalanes coach Rob Collins said. "We played with a lot of poise against one of the best teams in the state of California."

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Secret gardens to unfurl

By Patricia Abe

Fanciful gardens in the English tradition and gardens cleverly incorporating rocks and boulders are among the rare delights to be explored in the 13th annual Secret Gardens of the East Bay garden tour, sponsored by Park Day School of Oakland. This year's event takes place on Sunday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

Proceeds from the tour benefit the scholarship and academic programs of Park Day School, an independent K-6 school.

Tickets are \$35 per person and include a map for a self-guided tour and a booklet with detailed descriptions of each garden.

This year's tour consists of 10 exemplary private gardens in Oakland, Berkeley and Piedmont. Bicycle touring maps are also available; carpooling is highly encouraged. Gardens are not accessible to strollers or wheelchairs.

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Rhododendrons. The California chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Ruben Gusman, Satsuki azalea specialist, will present slides on azaleas for bonsai. Call (510) 222-9664.

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Secrets

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Gourmet box lunches with iced drinks will be available by prepaid reservations for an additional \$7.50, and may be picked up at Park Day School anytime during the hours of the tour.

Experts will speak on a variety of garden-related topics at the school during lunch hour.

Park Day School is located at 370 43rd St. at Shafter Avenue in Oakland. The Garden Tour phone number is (510) 653-6250.

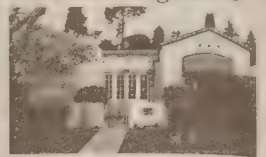
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This year's tour features gardens, including a Japanese garden designed by Jim Iwano, Makishima garden, stroll through the garden temple; a botanist's garden (forest) featuring many species of conifers; and Victorian Folly in the garden set designer.

Volunteer docents each garden, in addition to property owners and landscapers who will be on hand to come guests and answer questions. The tour offers a wealth of information and surprise to all who appreciate beauty and artistry of gardens.

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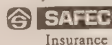
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Francesco has been our agent since before Lily was born. He represented when we sold our first Berkeley home and two "fixers" after we moved them, as well as the purchase of an investment rental property and the chase of our present North Berkeley 1893 Victorian home. As contractors consulted with him throughout the renovations of these properties, he always looked out after our interests as if they were his own. Often he discouraged us from making an offer that we wanted to make but that thought was too much. We trust his advice. We have referred him to our friends over the years.

OPEN SUNDAY

805-07 Buchanan St. (2-4).....Albany.....2 units.....\$249,000
948 Ordway (2-4).....Albany.....2bd/1ba.....\$249,000

BY APPOINTMENT

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BERKELEY

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Cosmetic finisher. 90% finished. All new systems!.....\$325,000
New listing! Northbrae 2bd/1ba Medit style, hwd flrs, FDR, remod kit.....\$299,000
Traditional turn of century house used as offices/studio apt. Conv. local.....\$285,000

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OAKLAND

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RICHMOND

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Rich Annex - 1+bd/1ba traditional style, top of hill great loc! Must see.....\$219,000

LOTS/LAND/COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL INCOME

Oakland - Charming Duplex Cottage, Peaceful Montclair Location.....\$319,000
Just listed! Albany duplex - 2bd/1ba units, great opp! Close to transit.....\$249,000
Albany 4-plex & 2 comm St. front spaces. Great quiet lower Solano loc.....\$495,000

Emeryville - LIVE/WORK LOFTS (1300+ 1700+ sq. ft.).....\$189,000

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Prior to joining Coldwell Banker, Kirby had a proven track record as a producing salesperson when she was the fleet manager for Val Company in the sales and finance department. During that time she was one of the top five people in the United States for five years and one year named the No. 1 salesperson.

Kirby is active as a school volunteer in the Orinda area. She graduated from the University of Arizona.

GERI MURPHY

Coldwell Banker Northern California is pleased to welcome Geri Murphy to the firm's Orinda North office. According to Valerie Cookins, manager of the Orinda

North office, Murphy will specialize in residential sales in the central Contra Costa and Oakland areas.

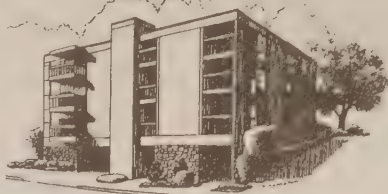
Prior to joining Coldwell Banker, Murphy built a 20-year career in education as an administrator, psychologist and teacher. She also served as an educational consultant.

Murphy received her M.S. and A.B. from the University of Southern California and received a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University.

A resident of Lafayette, Murphy is a member of the Crime Prevention Commission for the City of Lafayette and the AAUW—OML branch. She is the state secretary for the Council for Exceptional Children and is a court-appointed special advocate (CASA).

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6108 Ruthland Rd., Montclair - 5bd/3+ba.....\$749,000
New listing! Fabulous new home w/great outdoor spaces, large family room, guest suite. David Ichikawa

6219 Swainland Rd., Montclair - 4bd/3+ba.....\$695,000
Extraordinary custom home w/Bay views, open gourmet kitchen, great room. Nancy Moore

1145 Sunnyhills, Crocker Highlands - 3+bd/2.5ba.....\$649,500
Spacious Colonial w/sunny family room, master bedroom with fireplace, park-like yard. Debi Fitzgerald

11 Hawks Hill, Hiller Highlands - 3bd/2+ba.....\$609,000
Smashing townhouse with 4-bridge views, easy S.F. access, luxury finishes, private patio, lg lot. Dee Knowland

7027 Buckingham Bl., Oakland Hills - 4+bd/3ba.....\$549,000
New brown shingle home with So. Bay & hill views, family room, great light. Vicki Woodhead

7045 Pinehaven Rd., Montclair - 4bd/2+ba.....\$479,000
New listing! Sophisticated contemporary in serene setting, family room, luxurious master suite. Dick Cohen

707 Arimo Ave., Crocker Highlands - 4bd/2+ba.....\$449,000
New listing! Cheerful Traditional w/formal DR, eat-in kitchen, large garden, sep. studio/office. Roselle Woods

6490 Benvenue, Rockridge - 4bd/1+ba.....\$439,000
Sunny brown shingle on Oakland/Berkeley border, great street, formal dining room, parlor. Nancy Chew

58 Buckeye Ave., Upper Rockridge - 4+bd/3ba.....\$399,000
New listing! Contemporary on quiet street w/S.F. views, large master suite w/ad. office. Wendy Gardner

1 Knoll Ridge Way, Parkridge Estates - 4bd/2ba.....\$359,000
New listing! Charming one-story home w/master suite, kitchen/FR combo, 2 fireplaces, garden. Donna Costella

2 Eucalyptus Ave., Upper Rockridge - 2bd/1ba.....\$335,000
New listing! Adorable, refurbished Traditional in move-in condition, indoor/outdoor living. Teri Carlisle

3218 Guide, Redwood Heights - 3bd/2+ba.....\$329,000
First open! Gorgeous Spanish/Mediterranean w/formal dining room, family room, deep lot. Diane Earl McCan

11 Cortez Ct., Montclair - 2bd/1ba.....\$299,000
New listing! Charming, updated home w/Bay views, large private lot w/lush gardens, deck. Georgia Cornell

721 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda - 3bd/1ba.....\$279,000
New listing! Historic Victorian gingerbread cottage w/original details, spacious yard. Donna DeBard

4242 Detroit Ave., Redwood Hts - 2+bd/1ba.....\$269,000
New listing! Darling, sunny Traditional w/formal DR, breakfast room, garage, level yard. Sandi Kemmer

260 Caldecott Lane, #310, Oakland - 2bd/2ba.....\$244,900
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RESIDENTIAL INCOME.....\$339,000
New listing! Contractor's opportunity! 7 unit building in great location needs major work. Leslie Gordon

REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$303,000
Spacious 4bd/1+ba home on cul-de-sac, remodeled kitchen & bath, lovely hill views. Tom Wurst

PARKWOOD CONDOMINIUMS.....\$189,000
Spacious Berkeley model w/loft, maple cabinets, cathedral ceiling in LR, hill views. Teri Carlisle

REDWOOD HEIGHTS COTTAGE.....\$159,000
Charming cottage with maximum privacy, clean & neat, great neighborhood. Diane Earl McCan

LARGE REDWOOD HEIGHTS LOT.....\$99,000
Wonderful quarter acre wooded lot in private setting. Water & sewer lines in, reports avail. Wendy Gardner

COMING SOON



MONTCLAIR.....\$599,000
Newer custom hm w/lovely details, French drs open to attractive patio & M lawn. Leslie Gordon & Nancy Moore

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MONTCLAIR.....\$525,000
Sunny architect-designed contemporary with 3bd/2+ba, large yard, close-in location. Wendy Gardner

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By Kathy Mardiros
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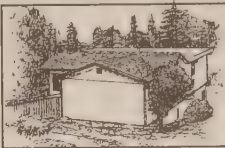
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GARDEN TIPS

Facilitate deep root growth and keep by staking recycled plastic deep into the ground near the base of the piping excess. Leave some of the piping exposed and fill it with water. Amend and revitalize your topsoil with compost, which adds nutrients to tired, worn-out soil and moisture and water better than amended soil.

Create raised flower beds from recycled plastic lumber. Unlike wood, recycled plastic lumber will not decay from contact with wet soil and doesn't have to be stained or treated.

Reuse polystyrene peanuts by filling them with potting soil for the next year's garden. The polystyrene peanuts are made from water and air to create spaces for water and air to move. The peanuts are made from recycled

glass to accent a garden patio floor with a splash of color.

Use edging material to create and maintain clean lines in your garden beds and walkways. Recycled plastic edging is easily bent to form curves.

Combine broken concrete, old bricks, composite lumber scraps and natural stone to form walls with texture and character around the garden.

Plan outdoor seating within a garden to offer a reprieve for the gardener and guests as well as a better viewing point for the surrounding landscape. Benches and lawn furniture made from recycled plastic lumber can withstand impact better than those made of wood and resist mold, mildew or damage from animals or insects.

Feel free to experiment! Vary the textures, color and heights throughout the garden, whether with

planters, furnishings or decorative objects. Try something new this year.

Tree guards made of hardware cloth or plastic protect young trees from gnawing rabbits and other pests.

Take advantage of rainy days by channeling rain water from the down spout to a (or several) rain barrel(s) equipped with a spigot at the base where a soaker hose can be connected.

Plastic plant and tree stakes are as functional and hold up in soil

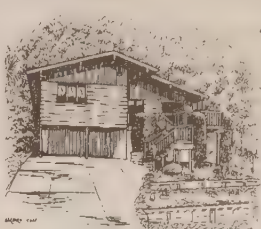
much better than their wood counterparts.

Use five-gallon plastic buckets with lids to store items such as fertilizers, plant food and lime to protect them from moisture.

Protect your garden's soil from the drying effects of sun and wind by using three to five inches of mulching materials on top of garden beds.

-From the American Plastics Council

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Some find the road easier without burdens of home ownership, housing

No. 274 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Here's a story we heard about someone who decided not to own a house. A friend of a friend was burned out in the Oakland hills fire. For all of his life, he had been a collector of stuff, and apparently his house was very full when it went up in flames.

No doubt he was shocked and upset at first, but the way we heard it, it didn't take him long to see his situation as a godsend. He was rid of his things and attendant responsibility. He bought a camper and a motorcycle with the insurance money.

True experiences

By Tarpoff and Talbert

He lives in the camper, rides the bike, owns little, travels often. Providence provided him the opportunity to choose anew and made him very happy.

What about you? What does owning do for you? What does it cost? Why do it at all?

What might you do instead? Will you treasure time spent deep in ceiling painting or tree pruning or sink caulking? You might love owning;

you might hate it.

Many years ago, I sold a house to a single man, a professor who lived the life of a nomad. He had no place of his own so he stayed with friends and slept in his sleeping bag on their couches, often staying up with them most of the night talking economics and politics.

In spite of living relatively freely, he still had to deal with paperwork — bills, bank statements, letters from his mother, an occasional parking ticket. These things he "filed" under the friends' couches. I don't think he

ever looked for any of them.

The parking tickets accumulated penalties. His mother complained that she never heard from him and didn't know where to call him. Perhaps it was because of these that he decided to buy a house.

He wanted me to select the house. No other client has ever asked me to pick out his house, but he did. I chose one I wanted and he bought it. He didn't have any furniture, and it happened that the people who were selling didn't need much of what they had, so I got a lot of good

stuff included in the price. The professor took his sleeping bag and moved in.


Several months later, he came to see me in my office. He was not happy. He said that owning a house might be a good idea for some people but it was a terrible idea for him. He hated it.

I was sad to hear this. It was a very dear house. I waited, expecting him to say that his neighbors were a problem, or that his roof leaked, or he didn't like cleaning toilets, but none of those things was his complaint.

He hated having to mortgage payment. It

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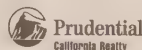
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Estate tax shelters not just for the wealthy anymore

If you are like many people, you think estate taxes are something that only the rich should be concerned about. But that is not necessarily so.

Does your wealth exceed \$650,000?

It is true that for 1999 the Federal Estate Tax does not kick in unless your assets exceed \$650,000 — which is nothing to sneeze at. However, you might be surprised at how quickly your wealth can exceed that amount, especially with the current long-running bull market that has caused many stock values to increase substantially.

Also, items in your taxable estate go far beyond the value of your investments. When you add up the value of your IRAs, retirement funds, such as profit sharing or 401(k) plans, the current value of your home, vacation homes, other real estate and death benefits from life insurance policies, you may find that your estate tops the \$650,000 threshold.

No estate tax from spouse

First, you should know that if you are married, you do not have to worry about paying estate taxes on what you inherit from your spouse. (It's called the "unlimited marital deduction").

However, estate taxes can become an issue when the second spouse dies. The estate of the second spouse will be responsible for paying the taxes, which begin at 37 percent and go as high as 55 percent on estate worth more than \$3 million. Without estate planning, an estate worth \$3 million would shrink to \$1,920,500 after the taxes were paid, the rest — \$1,079,500 — would go to federal and state taxes.

OK, so now you are paying attention. But you are probably wondering what you can do to prevent Uncle Sam from becoming your biggest beneficiary.

Credit shelter trust works

By using a "credit shelter trust," a married couple with a \$3 million

Money matters

By Leila Gough

estate, for example, could save up to \$300,000 in taxes.

The "credit shelter trust" enables both spouses to take advantage of their respective \$650,000 exemptions. Instead of leaving all assets directly to the surviving spouse, your attorney can prepare appropriate documents to create the trust at the first death. The surviving spouse will still be entitled to all of the income from this trust, and an have access to principal as well.

It is better to give...

Gift-giving is another effective, yet simple strategy for reducing estate taxes. You are entitled to give up to \$10,000 each year to as many individuals as you want without any gift or estate-tax consequences. A married couple can give up to \$20,000 each year.

You'll lose control

But remember: in order to remove the gift from your estate, it must be irrevocable, which means you will permanently lose control of the asset.

When you make gifts, you remove both the asset itself and any future

growth in value from your estate. For example, if you get \$10,000 per year for 10 years, and your beneficiary invests those gifts and earns 7.5 percent annually, you gifts would grow to \$152,081 at the end of the 10th year. (This rate of return is for illustrative purposes and does not reflect returns available in any specific investment.)

Plan could pay off

If you are in the 55 percent estate tax bracket, you would save \$83,000 in taxes by gifting the assets during your lifetime, instead of transferring the same assets at death.

Your financial consultant can help you determine whether it would make good financial sense to begin a gifting program and discuss other

estate planning techniques that help save taxes and protect your family.

Leila Gough is an Associated Press writer in Oakland, Calif. She writes about you define and meet your goals. She can be reached at (510) 273-8851. Visit her at www.agedwards.com.

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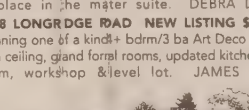
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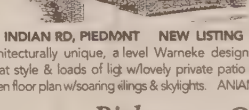
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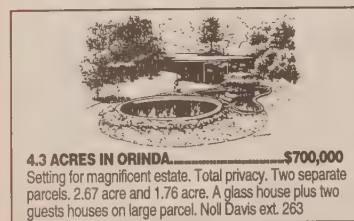


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knew (a direct sale). We think he returned to his previous life and ways, and hope he found happiness before he died young of a heart attack.

On the lighter side

Not everyone feels about home ownership as he did. I didn't. I was dismayed at how bad my first house looked when it was empty, pock-marked and dirty, but I raced to the paint store to remedy that. I had to paint three coats of white over the lime green. It took forever, but the house looked better for the effort.

So much better, I took my clippers and went into the yard to see what I could cut and bring in for a

finishing touch.

It was winter. There was only a bare pear tree, but it had nice gnarled branches. I thought they would do fine. I reached to cut a branch and stopped.

I thought, "The landlord won't like it if you cut his tree." And in the next instant I joyously realized that there was no landlord. That pear tree was mine. I could cut the entire thing

down if I wanted to.

It was a powerful moment of realization.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are licensed agents and area specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at (510) 653-2050.



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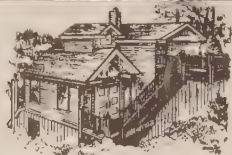
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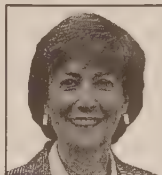
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Chris joined Coldwell Banker in 1995, and has been the #1 agent in the Berkeley office the last two years! She has a master's in Psychiatric Social Work (M.S.W.) from UC-Berkeley, but the call of real estate was too strong (runs in the family). She has now been selling real estate in the Berkeley area for over 20 years. In 1998, she closed over \$10,000,000 in sales! More importantly, though, she is usually the #1 agent in a second category as well - she garners more letters of praise and recommendation than any other agent in the office - an incredible testament to her dedication and professionalism! Congratulations Chris!

Kim is one of the founding members of the Berkeley office, starting his career with Coldwell Banker in 1984. He is a natural listener and communicates effectively. He uses this ability to thoroughly learn and understand his clients real estate needs and desires. He then uses his considerable experience, and tenacity to make it happen. Kim is also an expert in investment properties, particularly residential income. Every year Kim is one of the top agents in the office, but in 1998 he closed a remarkable 32 transactions! Congratulations Kim!

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One 2 BR, 1BA, two 1BR, 1BA unit Tri-plex. 3-car detached garage. Level yard, some hardwood. Great place for children, quiet location. A.D. NASSIRI 869-5595

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Cute & charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with lots of curb appeal. Needs minor cosmetic work. Open Sun. 2-4:30, 8916 Seneca St. NONI ROBINSON 287-2576

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Build your custom home in Montclair on this upslope lot! Cambridge Design Group plans available. Priced to sell! CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

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is offering newly licensed agents an opportunity to join our team of top professionals as part of our "Mentor Program." Call Gloria for an interview. (510) 339-8400.

Free seminar for seniors on planning for future

Join local business leaders at a panel seminar for senior homeowners with concerns about their future.

Steven and Charlene Claybaugh, local realtors with Montclair Better Homes, have lined up a series of presentations they say will help seniors navigate uncharted waters.

"This is also for family members who have parents looking for the next step," the Claybaughs say.

Program topics include

- How to protect my assets from income and inheritance taxes.
- What is a retirement community, as compared to a residential care facility?
- The trend in residential real estate in Oakland, Piedmont, Berkeley and Alameda.

Make note of this date

The program is to be held Saturday, April 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the

East Hills Community Church, 12000 Campus Dr., Oakland.

"We think this is going to be very useful and will help answer a lot of questions," the Claybaughs say.

Experts in force

To help put the pieces into place, the Claybaughs have arranged for a diverse panel:

- Teresa Main, attorney, Bell Rosenberg & Hughes
- Bill Keck, Sunrise Assisted Senior Living
- Pherie Shrewsbury, Rossmore Retirement Community
- Denise Kaplan, The Gardens — Piedmont & Grand Lake
- Steven & Charlene Claybaugh, Montclair Better Homes Realty.

Registration is at 12:30 p.m. on the day of the event. Catered refreshments are included. Call (510) 339-8400 for more information.

NEW LISTING



950 Rose Avenue, Piedmont

Piedmont Victorian with sunny, level whimsical garden. The modern great room with fireplace is perfect for casual social gatherings and today's life-style. Other features include: a formal dining room, four bedrooms and three baths. The convenient location is close to school, playgrounds, Piedmont Avenue and transportation.

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New Listing! Duplex in North & East Richmond. A 2 bdrm & a 1 bdrm, 2 car garage & nice backyard. \$139,000. "as is" probate sale.

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

- 6012 CONTRA COSTA RD.**, Upr Rockridge. 5+3/4 luxury view home. \$950,000 4600sf on 3/4 acre. Guest suite. Lovely garden. Prudential CA, Claire 644-5434
- 6291 RUTHLAND RD.**, Montclair. 4bd/3+ba w/GG & SF Views! Best \$925,000 buy in new constr. Custom finishes. Private. Pacific Union, Helen Danhaki 547-5750
- 35 CONTRA COSTA PL.**, Rockridge. 4+bd/2.5ba. Pano Views Forever! \$895,000 FDR & family room. LaSalle Properties, Helen Nicholas 339-8900
- 5560 GOLDEN GATE.**, Rockridge New! Front courtyard. Big sunny rooms. \$849,950 Gourmet kitchen. 4+bd/3+ba. 3-car garage. Coldwell Banker, Joan Alford 339-1174
- 1850 LEIMERT BL.**, Oakmore Highlands. First Open! 4+bd/3ba. \$795,000 Gorgeous Country English w/gardens! LaSalle Properties, Doris Taboloff 339-8900
- 911 AQUARIUS WAY.**, Montclair. 5bd/3+ba beautiful new hm w/warm \$775,000 finishes. KCI/family rm. Office. Level yd. Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460
- 6032 ACACIA AVE.**, Claremont Pines. 4 yr custom w/French influence. \$769,000 Merges practical living w/style & elegance. GRUBB Co, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400
- 6108 RUTHLAND RD.**, Montclair. New Listing! 5bd/3+ba. Fab, new w/ \$749,000 grt outdoor spaces. Lg fam rm. Guest suite. Pacific Union, David Ichikawa 339-6460
- 2992 BURDECK DR.**, 4bd/4ba estate quality property w/expansive \$745,000 grounds & bay vw! Lg family rm. Aupair. Affiliated Brokers 462-7112 2-4
- 4616 RISING HILL CT.**, Exquisite custom 4/4.5 w/fab cyn vws! Cul-de-sac. Mstr retreat. Family & media rms. GRUBB Co, Sherry Bennett 339-0400
- 78 STRATHMOOR DR.**, New! A work of art w/sf/ Tucson plaster \$699,000 interior. Mstr w/luxury bath & frpl. GRUBB Co, Debra Dryden 339-0400
- 6219 SWAINLAND RD.**, Montclair. Extraordinary custom 4bd/3+ba w/ \$695,000 bay vws. Open gourmet kitchen. Great room. Pacific Union, Nancy Moore 339-6460
- 1088 LONGRIDGE RD.**, Stunning one-of-a-kind 4+3/4 Deco hm w/hl \$679,000 ceiling, grand frml rms. Family rm. Workshop. GRUBB Co, James Garcia 339-0400
- 1145 SUNNYHILLS.**, Crocker Highlands. Spacious 3+2.5 Colonial w/ \$649,500 sunny family rm. Mstr w/frpl. Park-like yd. Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460
- 238 SHERIDAN.**, Upper Rockridge. Newly constructed 4/3.5 w/2 mstrs. \$629,000 Frpl, FDR & level yd. Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000 X237
- 11 HAWKS HILL.**, Hiller Highlands. Smashing 3/2+ twbns w/4-bridge \$609,000 views! EZ SF access. Lg lot. Pvt patio. Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
- 7027 BUCKINGHAM BL.**, Oakland Hills. 4+bd/3ba new brown shingle \$599,000 w/So, bay & hill vws. Family room. Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 26 BINNACLE HILL.**, Hiller. 3bd/3ba w/panoramic views! \$599,000 Luxurious living. LaSalle Properties, Mary Hanna 339-8900
- 19 CAPTAINS COVE.**, Hiller. New Listing! 3bd/2+ba extra lg unit w/ \$589,000 fabulous views of SF! Prudential CA Realty, Ted Normant 488-0900 2-5
- 5560 BACON RD.**, Level hm w/4bd/3ba on 1.4 acres. In-ground pool. \$589,000 Decks & patio. EIK, LR w/hdws. Lg family rm. GRUBB Co, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400
- 7085 EXETER DR.**, 3+2.5 outstanding contemporary w/great home \$575,000 office. Fenced back yd. Prudential CA Realty, George Millington 869-4233
- 5519 BALBOA.**, Montclair. 3+bd/2ba Artist's remodel. Work of Art! \$549,000 Partial views. Gardener's delight! Prudential CA, Julie Nachtwy 540-8743 2-4
- 625 WALA VISTA AVE.**, Crocker. Just Listed! 3+2+ Craftsman. 2 frpls \$519,000 Box beams. Brick courtyard, terraced yd. Coldwell Banker, Ruby/Karen 339-1174
- 6640 CHELTON DR.**, Montclair. First Open! 4bd/2.5ba. 9 1/2 yrs old. \$500,000 FDR and family room. LaSalle Properties, Hal Castle 339-8900
- 6874 MOORE DR.**, Montclair. 3+bd/3bms/3 baths in the woods! \$495,000 Superb construction. Prudential CA 845-0200, Andrew Sussman 287-5857
- 7237 WILD CURRENT WAY.**, 3bd/2.5ba. Surrounded by decks, \$479,000 wooded view. Level in. Must see! Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 7045 PINEHAVEN RD.**, Montclair. 4bd/2+ba. New Listing! Sophisticated \$479,000 contour, serene setting. Family rm. Lux. mstr. Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 5987 RINCON.**, Spacious 5/3.5 contemp w/ flex floor plan. FDR, den, \$479,000 aupair w/separate entry. Decks, skylites, vw. Coldwell Banker, Adriana 339-1174
- 6025 CHELTON DR.**, Dramatic 3/3 contemp w/bay views. Level lot \$469,000 garden & deck. Updtd klt/family rm. Office. GRUBB Co, Angela Grubb 339-0400
- 1 BINNACLE HILL.**, Hiller. 2+bd/3b end unit. SF & GG views. Vaulted \$459,000 ceilings. Garden patio w/hot tub. Prudential CA, Gayle Taitau 898-9409 2-4
- 5721 HERMANN ST.**, Almost Rockridge. House + duplex on one lot. \$459,000 3bd w/huge finished bsmt. FDR, hdwd floors. Coldwell Banker, Darcy 339-1174
- 707 ARMO AVE.**, Crocker Highlands. New Listing! Cheerful 4bd/2+ba \$449,000 trad1. FDR, EIK, garden. Sep studio/office. Pacific Union, Roselle Woods 339-6460
- 3987 TURNLEY AV.**, Beautiful 4bd Tudor c.1938. Elegant refin hdws. \$449,000 Det'd gar w/1/1 & rumpus. Gardens w/fish ponds. GRUBB Co, Michelle 339-0400
- 6490 BENVENUE.**, Rockridge. Sunny 4bd/1+ba brown shingle on Oak! \$439,000 Berk border. Grt street! FDR, parlor. Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460
- 6616 PINENEEDLE.**, Montclair. 4bd/3ba on nearly an acre of sunshine \$439,000 and privacy! LaSalle Properties, Lois C. Johnson 339-8900
- 5255 LOCKSLEY.**, Rockridge duplex. Just Listed! Gorgeous 3bd owners \$425,000 unit plus 2bd/2ba. Lovely & huge! Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174 1-5
- 6009 PINENEEDLE RD.**, Charming 3bd/2+ba w/great front garden. \$415,000 window boxes, picket fence! Deck, Mt yd. GRUBB Co, Connie Rogers 339-0400
- 58 BUCKEYE AVE.**, Upr Rockridge. 4+3/4 contemp on quiet street. \$399,000 SF vws, lg mstr w/adj office. NEW LISTING. Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 6180 MORAGA.**, Montclair. 3+bd/1.5ba w/lq sunny family rm, FDR & \$399,000 fab oak tree setting! Walk to shops. Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000 X218
- 1924 HOOVER.**, Charming Spanish Med w/bay views & beamed ceiling. \$389,000 3+bd/2.5ba. Prudential Better Homes Realty 339-8400
- 4910 STONERIDGE CT.**, Ridgmont. 3/2+ba. Former model. Upgrades. \$379,000 So. bay vws. New Listing! Jackson Marketing, Jack Litzelfelner 530-2454 1-4:30
- 1925 MANZANITA.**, Montclair. Sunny 3/2.5 contemp w/expansive bay \$369,000 vw. Cathedral ceiling. Frpl, EIK, hdws. Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846
- 1000 CLARENDON CRESCENT.**, Crocker Highlands. Stately & bright \$369,000 4+bd/3ba. For Sale By Owner. Will co-operate w/buyers/brokers. 839-1719

- 1 KNOLL RIDGE WAY.**, Parkridge Estates. New Listing! Charming 4bd, \$359,000 2ba w/mstr suite, kit/fram combo, 2 frpl, garden. Pacific Union, Donna 339-6460
- 9 SPYGLASS HILL.**, Hiller Highlands. 3bd/3ba. Custom designed! \$339,950 First Open! LaSalle Properties, Steven Blasatti 339-8900
- 24 COOLIDGE.**, Laurel district. 4bd/3ba w/spectacular Panoramic View! \$339,000 Prudential CA Realty, Herb Manor 339-9290
- 2 EUSTICE AVE.**, Upper Rockridge. New Listing! Adorable refurbished \$335,000 2bd/1ba trad1. In/out living! Move in! Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 5625 SNAKE RD.**, Lovely & level Montclair trad1. 3bd/3ba w/gracious \$329,000 style & best floor plan. Patio & garden. Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174
- 3218 GUIDO.**, Redwood Hills. 1st Open! 3bd/2+ba. Gorgeous Spanish \$329,000 Med w/FDR, family rm. Deep lot. Pacific Union, Diane Earl McCann 339-6460
- 3908 ENOS AVE.**, 4bd/3ba lovely family home. Plus room. Level yd. \$329,000 LaSalle Properties, Carol Cohen 339-8900
- 6829 SNAKE RD.**, Montclair. Fab North Bay View! Fresh paint in & out. \$329,000 3/2 w/tremendous appeal. Hdws. Decks. Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174
- 425 62ND ST.**, Lower Rockridge. Charming 2/1 shingled bungalow w/ \$320,000 front porch. Fenced yd. Grt nighbrhd. Templeton Co, Tricia Swift 652-2133 X140
- 3524 VICTOR.**, Charming 1932 Redwood Hills Tudor. 3bd/1ba w/inlaid \$309,000 frpl, corner bit-in & bay window. Garden. Coldwell Banker, Nader Davari 339-1174
- 6987 PASO ROBLES.**, Montclair. 3bd/2ba w/updated kitchen. Lots of \$299,000 splendor on a large lot. Prudential CA 834-2010, Victoria Williams-Dugan 452-2010
- 2901 CARLSEN.**, Sweeping Views! 3bd/2.5ba contemp on large lot. \$299,000 Sun room w/bird's eye view! Coldwell Banker, Rachel Baller 339-1174
- 11 CORTEZ CT.**, New Listing! Montclair, charming 2/1 w/bay views! \$299,000 Lg pvt lot w/lush gardens. Deck. Pacific Union, Georgia Cornell 339-6460
- 337 VERNON ST.**, Adams Point. 3bd/2ba Mediterranean charmer! \$287,000 Gracious hdwd frs. Level pvt backyd. Re/Max Olivia Stockman 925-906-1855 1-4
- 42 HOMEGLAN LN.**, Montclair. 2bd/1ba in great shapel Frpl, hdwd frs, \$285,000 new carpet, hot tub & deck! Prudential CA 834-2010, John F. Bell 287-9855
- 4242 DETROIT AVE.**, Redwood Hills. 2+bd/1ba. New Listing! Darling \$269,000 sunny trad1 w/FDR, brkfst rm. Garage, yd. Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460
- 5335 BROADWAY TER #301.**, Smashing Rockridge 2/2 condo w/new \$259,000 paint & carpet in mstr. Walk-in closet. EIK. GRUBB Co, Ashley O'Neill 339-0400
- 7948 GREENLY DR.**, 3bd/2ba. Family room w/wet bar. Luxurious \$249,000 master bedroom. LaSalle Properties, Helen Nicholas 339-8900
- 260 CALDECOTT LN #310.**, Beautiful upgraded unit w/2 mstr suites. \$244,900 Frpl, 2-car garage. Move right in! Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460
- 517 61ST STREET.**, 3bd/1ba. 2-stories. Totally remodeled w/in-law. \$239,500 Formal dining room. Affiliated Brokers, Derrick 530-0893 2-4
- 4678 FAIR AVE.**, 2bd/1ba Spacious Mediterranean Starter! \$239,000 Fireplace & FDR. Just Listed! Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 7975 MICHIGAN AVE.**, Oakland Hills. 4bd/2+ba. Spacious. 2-level. \$237,000 Family rm, EIK, partial bay view. Richardson RE, Jackie Carter 569-3499
- 2539 RAMPART ST.**, Laurel district. 1st open! Cute 2/1 starter w/g \$225,000 updt kitchen, sunny brkfst rm, hdws, yd. Pacific Union, Michelle Vasey 339-6460
- 1726 19TH AVE.**, San Antonio District. Spacious remodeled Victorian. \$219,000 Frpl, 2-car garage. Move right in! National RE Services, Charles Rivers 482-2380
- 3893 LYMAN RD.**, Dimond Heights. Charming 30's cottage. 2/1. Hdwd \$214,500 in LR/dR area. Frpl. Great yds! Wells & Bennett, Carol Robbano 531-7000 X292
- 2800 MONTICELLO.**, 3bd/1ba on corner lot w/view. New kit & bath. \$199,000 Laundry rm. Bonus rm. New cpt/paint. Prudential CA, John Bergman 869-4913 2-5
- 5335 BROADWAY TER #102.**, Elegant Rockridge condo. 2bd/2ba. \$199,000 Frpl, gar, storage. Just minutes to College Ave. GRUBB Co, Ashley O'Neill 339-0400
- 3133 KINGSLAND.**, Maxwell Park. Light & airy 3/1 trad1. Lovingly \$175,000 maintained. Bay window. Hdwd floors, built-ins, updt kitchen, terraced yard. Marvin Gardens RE 527-7200, Linda Maguire 551-1444 X29
- 389 BELMONT ST #307.**, Adams Point. 2bd/2ba, 1380 sq ft. Nr transp, \$172,000 cafes, & Lake Merritt. Prestige bldg. Wells & Bennett, Patsy Buhler 531-7000 X238
- 651 OAKLAND AVE.**, Elegant Condo. Sunny & spacious 2+2 nr Rose \$169,000 Garden/Piedmont border. Frpl, parquet floor. Convenient to shopping & transp. Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Melissa Eizenberg 559-2930 2-4
- 5357 HILLTOP DR.**, Maxwell Park. Just Listed! Spacious 2bdrm trad1 on \$161,000 near tree-lined st. Level yd. Hdwd floors. Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000 X263
- 349-A PERKINS.**, Adams Point. 2bd/2ba 2-level condo. Nice! Skylite, \$160,000 large closets, fireplace. Prudential CA, Debora Larson 333-9682 Saturday 2-5
- 3825 HIGH ST #209.**, Laurel district. Unique 2bd/2ba Spanish condo. \$159,000 Prudential CA Realty, Angie Williams 339-9290
- 8033 EARL ST.**, Oakland Hills. 2bd/1ba. Country living I the city! \$157,000 New Listing! Prudential CA Realty, Vikki Landes 339-9290
- 3825 HIGH ST #207.**, Lovely 2bd/2ba Mediterranean Condo! \$157,000 New Listing! Prudential CA Realty, Erik Johnson 339-9290
- 831 58TH ST.**, North Oakland. 2bd/2ba Craftsman Bungalow w/den. \$156,000 Prudential CA Realty, Felicia Owens 339-9290
- 8916 SENECA ST.**, Cute & charming one story bungalow w/lots of \$149,950 curb appeal! 2bd/1ba. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400
- 3050 SUTER ST.**, Dimond district. 2/1 Classic Craftsman. Lots of \$149,000 blt-ins & warm woods. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000 2-5
- 1815 E. 23RD ST.**, Cross St. 14th Ave. Sunny & bright 2bd/1ba w/hdwd \$129,000 floors. Peek of view. Gorgeous Gardens! Chang & Hardeman 482-3800
- 965 86TH AVE.**, Elmhurst. Cozy 2/1 ranch w/huge backyd. EZ access to \$95,000 BART/fwy/bus. Sellers motivated. "AS IS" sale. Prudential CA, Deborah 869-4681
- 625 EL DORADO #104.**, 1st Open! Quiet Street. Great Location. 1/1. \$87,000 LaSalle Properties, Lois C. Johnson 339-8900

ALAMEDA ***OPEN SUNDAY***

- 2857 SEA VIEW PARKWAY.**, 4bdrm, 3 bath \$689,000 Heritage RE/Better Homes & Gardens, Peter Fletcher 521-1177 2-4
- 721 SANTA CLARA AVE.**, 3bd/1ba. New Listing! Historic Victorian \$379,000 gingerbread cottage. Lg yd. Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460 2-4:30

ALBANY ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4***

- 805-807 BUCHANAN.**, Just Listed! Duplex—Two 2bd units w/frpl & gar. \$249,000 Nr transp/shops. Top Notch Schools! Good Income Potential! Red Oak Realty, Marjorie 527-3387 X156

BERKELEY ***OPEN SUNDAY***

- 226 HILLCREST.**, Claremont. Eccentric & Innovative! 4/3.5. Family rm, \$880,000 office, luxurious mstr, yard. Templeton Co, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 2-4
- 2847 RUSSELL ST.**, NW Listing! Prime Claremont nighbrhd. 4+bd/2.5b. \$880,000 TV rm, study, lg kitchen, elegant LR, large garden. Det'd garage. Templeton Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 X126 2-4
- 99 EL CAMINO REAL.**, 3/3 1940's contemp on lg wooded lot. +Aupair \$549,000 w/add'l bath. Modern kit. VIEWSW! Templeton Co, Jack McPhail 652-2133 X138
- 2951 PINE AVE.**, Elmwood. 3+ba/2ba Elmwood Craftsman. Hdwd frs, \$652,000 spa, walk to shops & Claremont resort. Prudential CA, Cindy Boze 530-3303
- 734 KEELER.**, GG & Bay views! Berkeley Hills. LR w/cathedral ceiling. \$339,000 frpl, FDR. Lavish landscaping! Marvin Gardens, Merrill Rhodes 559-2928 2-4
- 1243 HENRY.**, Charming Brownshingle. 4bd/2ba. \$349,000 Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 2-4
- 3034 FULTON AVE.**, 3bd/1ba Craftsman. Grt condition! Good location. \$319,000 Nr BART, great shopping. Prudential CA, Liz Stevens 845-0200 2-4:30
- 1342 PARKER WAY #2.**, Light-filled pristine 2bd condo w/cathedral \$284,000 ceilings, pvt deck, shared yard. Thornwall, Colleen Larkin 848-1950 X240 1-4
- 1129 BLAKE ST.**, 3+2 attractively remodeled rancher w/level yard. \$279,000 Great starter house. Prudential CA, Warwick May 845-0200 2-4:30
- 1619 KAINS.**, Westbrae. 2+2+bd/1ba w/fireplace, plus rooms. \$279,000 Yard w/fruit trees & flowers. Prudential CA, Ana or Pascal 845-0200 2-4:30
- 1830 WOOLSEY.**, Adorable & Affordable! 2bd cottage style shingled \$189,000 home. Lg eat-in-kitchen. John Stasky & Co. 525-8800 2-4
- 1228 HASKELL.**, 2 bedrooms. 1 bath. \$139,000 Prudential CA Realty 527-9800 2-4

EL CERRITO ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4***

- 709 MIDCREST WAY.**, 4+ bedrooms, 3 baths. \$419,000 Prudential CA Realty, Anna Lei 527-9800
- 7029 CUTTING.**, New Listing! 2+2 w/pano views, den, bonus rm. \$349,000 Level yd. Walk to BART. Must See! Prudential CA, Lloyd Jung 526-5143
- 6631 GATTO.**, Brown Shingle w/City View! EC Hills. 3bd contemp LR w/2nd \$289,000 vaulted ceiling. Balcony, deck w/hot tub. Marvin Gardens, Mary Gray 559-2303
- 7123 PLANK AVE.**, 3bd/2ba. Spacious LR w/bay window. Kit w/bkfst \$289,000 bar. Landscaped w/bonsai trees! Prudential CA, Nancy Taussig 845-0211 2-4
- 5432 POINSETT.**, 2+bdrm/1ba \$249,000 Prudential CA Realty, Waucara LeWallen 527-9800
- 6633 CUTTING.**, 2bd/1ba. Berkeley style, but not price! \$249,000 LaSalle Properties, Nick Lavrov 339-8900
- 123 ASHBURY.**, Charming 2bd/1ba cottage! Walk to BART, Albany \$239,000 shops & restaurants! Prudential CA, Rayne Palmer 526-5143
- 624 RICHMOND.**, 2+bd/2+ba \$199,000 Prudential CA Realty, Jean Lopez 527-9800

KENSINGTON ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4***

- 177 PURDUE.**, Splendid 2bd/1ba! Elegant hm w/garden, fab bay vws. \$289,000 Garage. Excellent condition! Prudential CA, Chris Kalitz 526-5143

MORAGA ***OPEN SUNDAY 1-4***

- 52 SANDERS RANCH RD.**, European Elegance! 2-story w/2bd down. \$799,000 Pvt, lush Mt lot on creek! Black bottom pool. Coldwell, Jim Rauschko 525-9143

PIEDMONT ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

- 15 LITTLEWOOD DR.**, Price Reduced. 4bd/2.5ba. Excellent location \$579,000 on quiet cul-de-sac. Cross St. Dudley. Homes-Link, George 748-5300
- 132 INDIAN RD.**, Architecturally unique, all level Warnecke designed. \$669,000 Style & light. Patio gdn. Open frt plan. Skylites. GRUBB Co, Anjan Tunney 700-1100
- 1065 WINSOR AVE.**, Hidden Spanish treasure one blk from Wildwood \$649,000 school. 3+3. Exquisite Old World LR. GRUBB Co, Linda McClain 339-0400
- 950 ROSE AVE.**, 4bd/3ba Victorian w/level out garden. Great room \$559,000 suitable for today's lifestyle! FDR. GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
- 100 ESTATES DR.**, Lovely 3+bd/2ba w/bay view! Deck & Garden. \$449,000 Rumpus/office. A-1 Condition! Prudential CA, Suzanne Yamamoto 644-5477
- 105 OAKMONT.**, Charming 1920's 2+2 w/level entry from street. \$449,000 Walk to schools. Lovely level garden & patio. Prudential CA, Haldeh Chew 644-5477
- PITTSBURG ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4*****
- 2216 ROME CT.**, 1st Open! Lovely 3/2 w/view of Bay, city lites, & hills \$379,000 On cul-de-sac. 2-car att'd garage. Harbor Bay Realty, Kathy Hirsch 814-4700
- RICHMOND ***OPEN SUNDAY*****
- 639 31ST ST.**, Romantic Tudor Styling! Freshly painted. 3bd. On a quiet \$279,000 street. Vaulted ceiling. FDR, hdwd floors, kit w/breakfast nook. 2-car garage. Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Denyse Blagi 559-2908 2-4
- 1314 CARLSON.**, 3 bedrooms. 1 bath. \$249,000 Prudential CA Realty, Jeanne Sullivan 527-9800 1-5

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THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999

DEVELOPMENTS

Double helix structure of DNA, the genetic code of life, is discovered by biologist James Watson and physicist Francis Crick.

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the gene launch biotech. The re- 228 mil- liard to uni-

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biotech scientists clone human. The discovery allows Eli Lilly & Co. to market human insulin in 1982, a recombinant DNA product to market. Previously, diabetics insulin derived from pigs.

growth hormone is cloned biotech. In 1985, Genentech approved to sell Protopin, a hormone for children and its reliable product.

the U.S. Supreme Court life forms can be patented. biotech conducts the first biotech offering in October.

1981

■ Cetus Corp. completes the then-largest initial public offering in market history with proceeds of more than \$107 million.

■ Several companies, including Xoma Corp. in Berkeley, Applied Biosystems of Foster City, and Chiron Corp. in Emeryville are founded.

Neurologist Stanley B. discovers "prions," proteins linked to degenerative brain disease. He later wins the Nobel for the discovery.

Geneticist Kary Mullis of Cetus comes up with a way to replicate bits of DNA, a process called polymerase chain reaction.

Genentech Corp. clones and se- quences the HIV virus.

Food and Drug Administration approves the first recombinant vaccine for hepatitis B shot.

Genentech Inc. of Davis wins a patent for a tomato that was genetically altered to have a longer shelf life. The tomatoes eventually end up in grocery stores under the name "FlavrSavr."

Advanced Genetic Sciences of San Francisco tests the first genetically altered strawberry in a Brentwood field.

National Center for Human Genome Research is founded. The Human Genome Project — the effort to sequence the human DNA — begins in 1990.

FDA licenses a hepatitis C vaccine by Chiron, allowing for the production of blood bank products.

Human embryos are cloned in a lab at George Washington University.

■ DOLLY, the first clone of an adult mammal.

Bay Area leads bio-revolution

Gene research is flourishing

By Julie Appleby
CONTRA COSTA TIMES STAFF WRITER

WHEN Stanley Cohen of Stanford and Herbert Boyer of UC-San Francisco successfully slipped a gene from an African clawed toad into a common bacterium in 1973, the biotech industry was born.

The transplanted gene began pumping out toad protein inside the bacterium, proving that simple organisms could be drafted to serve as protein "factories."

In the years since, the food we eat, the medicines we take and the tests we get to detect disease have been dramatically altered by that discovery. Bacteria, plants and even animals are "making" the raw materials for drugs and vaccines. A growing number of American food crops are genetically altered, designed to resist drought or foil pests. Even some laundry detergents use enzymes grown in biotech labs.

But most Americans don't know about the revolution — unless they get sick.

Then they may get a biotech drug that dissolves blood clots to stop their heart attack, or a white blood cell stimulator to prevent infections during chemotherapy. Diagnosed with diabetes, they may take biotech-produced human insulin. Children with growth deficiencies can take a safer form of growth hormone than was previously available.

The hope and the hype have spawned more than 1,200 biotech companies in the United States, with a large concentration in the Bay Area, fueled by investors who have plunked down more than \$93 billion to pursue public companies.

'Pursuit of knowledge'

A worldwide race is on to decipher — and patent — the entire human genome, the genetic code that determines what we look like, how our bodies work, what diseases we are felled by.

The rapidly growing understanding of those 100,000 genes could lead to dozens of new drugs and screening tests for disease. Replacement organs and tissues could be grown in labs or animals. Fetuses could receive gene therapy to correct defects before birth.

"In the 21st century, DNA will be to the economy what silicon was in the late 20th century," said Sunil Maulik, director of GeneEd, an Internet-based education company in San Francisco.

But the same scientific advances that started with a transplanted frog gene have also led to Dolly the cloned sheep and the frightening specter of engineered humans, a loss of genetic privacy and custom-made "designer babies."

"The new gene-splicing technology address so many of our yearnings and desires," writes industry critic Jeremy Rifkin in his book, "The Biotech Century." "On the other hand, the new genetic science raises more troubling issues than any other technology revolution in history."

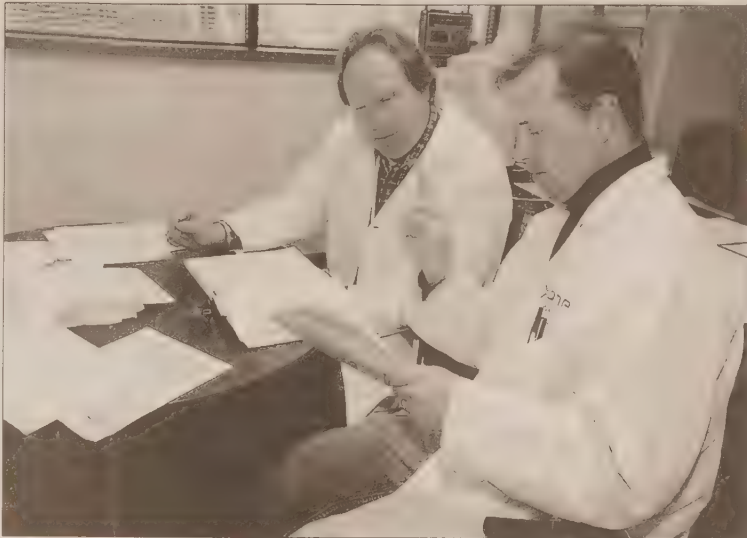
How do we decide when it's moral to use our new knowledge — growing human organs in animals, perhaps — and when it's not, such as cloning humans and keeping them "on ice" in case the original needs replacement parts?

"Man has been tinkering with life forms for thousands of years," Maulik said. "We just do it better now. I see how hard people are working to cure really horrible diseases. At the same time, the work they are doing has potential to cause major upheavals in society. Science isn't inherently good or evil. It's the pursuit of knowledge. Society has to decide what we're going to do with that knowledge."

While the ethical debate grows, so, too, does scientific knowledge. There are about 300 biotech drug products and vaccines now being tested in clinical trials. A percentage will eventually win FDA approval.

A great deal of that knowledge is occurring in the Bay Area, home to many of the pioneers in biotech.

From Boyer and Cohen came recombinant DNA, providing the abil-



PHILLIP NG, top, is a researcher at Chiron Corp. of Emeryville, which has been a leader in the field of biotechnology. Tech specialist Mike Molony, above front, and quality control director Ron Carlson review data during a meeting at Xoma, a biotech company in Berkeley.

ity to recombine genes from one species into another.

From Kary Mullis, a biochemist at Cetus Corp., formerly of Emeryville, came a technique to replicate snippets of DNA. Called polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, it enables scientists to make multiple copies of genes. Legend has it that Mullis thought up the process while on a drive through the redwoods.

Scientists in England in the 1970s discovered monoclonal antibodies — disease-fighting antibodies that can be aimed at specific disease antigen targets in the body.

But it was scientists at South San Francisco's Genentech who came up with the first monoclonal antibody product approved for use against cancer in the United States. Rituxan, developed in conjunction with IDEC

Pharmaceuticals, went on the market in 1997 to treat patients with certain types of lymphoma.

Last year, Genentech put another monoclonal antibody product on the market — Herceptin, for treating advanced breast cancer.

"The ability to target these antigens, and give repetitive doses without the side effects we see with chemotherapy, has been terrific," said Susan Hellmann, senior vice president and chief medical officer for Genentech.

Other Bay Area firsts in biotech have included Genentech's human insulin, which earned FDA approval to be sold by Eli Lilly & Co. in 1982; it was the first product of recombinant DNA to hit the market.

Chiron Corp. of Emeryville reported in 1981 the ability to produce the hepatitis B surface antigen; five

years later it got FDA approval to license the first recombinant vaccine against hepatitis B. Chiron scored another first in 1984 when it announced the cloning and sequencing of the entire human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) genome.

Financial ups and downs

In 1987, Advanced Genetic Sciences of Oakland held the first field trial of a genetically engineered strawberry, designed to be frost-resistant, in Brentwood, in Contra Costa County.

Along the way, a number of Bay Area researchers have won Nobel Prizes for their work, including the 1989 prize in medicine/physiology to UCSF researchers J. Michael Bishop and Harold Varmus for discovering the cellular origin of oncogenes, which have been linked to cancer.

Paul Berg of Stanford won the 1980 prize in chemistry for his development of recombinant DNA techniques. UC-San Francisco researcher Stanley Prusiner won the 1997 prize in medicine for his discovery of prions, proteins believed to cause degenerative brain diseases.

Biotech has flourished in the Bay Area because so many of its discoveries and company founders have come out of the three research universities here: Stanford, UCSF and UC-Berkeley. Those discoveries, in turn, have been financed by the venture capital community on the Peninsula.

Genentech, which many consider the first biotech company, was founded in South San Francisco in 1976 by venture capitalist Robert Swanson and UCSF biochemist Boyer. Chiron began in 1981 with biochemists Edward Penhoet of UC-Berkeley and William Rutter and Pablo Valenzuela, both of UCSF.

There are now more than 100 biotech companies in the Bay Area, most clustered on the Peninsula, in South San Francisco, along the I-80 corridor in the East Bay from Berkeley to Hercules, and further south in Alameda, Fremont and Hayward.

Although many biotech companies have yet to earn a penny, others sell billions of dollars in products every year. Investors have ridden a roller coaster. Prices rise and fall on each scientific breakthrough. But lead times for drug development are long. And very few early lab discoveries ever make it to marketable products.

Last year, biotech had some stunning scientific breakthroughs, the most product approvals in one year ever, but only 12 initial public offerings. Most biotech companies saw their stocks decline, but 36 percent went up, according to a report presented at the annual Hambrecht & Quist conference in San Francisco in January.

Demand for biotech workers is growing

■ Market is expected to explode in the coming century, and positions aren't limited to scientists and those who hold degrees

By Peggy Noonan

CONTRA COSTA TIMES CORRESPONDENT

THE BIOTECH industry is looking for a few good men and women.

The industry is expected to explode in size and importance in the 21st century, says Carl Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, which represents more than 835 biotech companies worldwide. "Over the past four years, there has been a record number of approvals of new biotechnology drugs and vaccines to address unmet medical needs," he said.

That tremendous surge in growth means there's an equally huge demand for biotechnology workers. Nationwide, biological and medical scientists "enjoyed very rapid gains in employment between the mid-1980s and mid-1990s," according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' 1998-99 Occupational Outlook Handbook, and the much faster than average growth rate is expected to continue.

The boom isn't limited to scientists and degree-holders. Besides the R&D personnel, the industry has a healthy demand for people in sales, marketing, manufacturing and administrative positions.

Genentech Inc. — the granddaddy of biotech companies, dating to 1976 — intends to hire, promote or replace nearly 1,000 people this year. "The positions range from entry level, where the salary ballpark is roughly \$28,000 to \$35,000, to very senior scientists, where the \$90,000-to-\$150,000 range is possible," says Judy Heyboer, senior vice president of human resources for the South San Francisco company.

So what are the hot biotech jobs, and what background do you need to get them? We canvassed some of the leading area companies and talked to recruiters to get the rundown.

Clinical researchers

They work on, design or manage clinical trials of new products such as drugs and medical devices. Test subjects may be animals or humans. Besides clinical scientists, a clinical research team may include technical writers, statisticians, data entry clerks, research associates, animal handlers and animal technicians.

Requirements: Vary widely. Data entry clerks should have a high school diploma or an associate's degree with training in word processing, data entry or some job experience. Animal handlers and technicians need a high school diploma plus two years of laboratory experience.

The job of clinical research associate requires a bachelor's or master's degree in biological sciences or a nursing degree, plus up to two years of experience in medical or pharmaceutical research or nursing. Statisticians need a bachelor's or master's degree in mathematics or statistics, plus clinical research experience.

Tech writers should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent, along with a background in tech writing and editing. Scientist positions typically require advanced degrees in the sciences and up to five years of lab experience.

Insider tip: Job requirements differ from company to company, so scrutinize the position descriptions on the firms' Web sites before applying.

R&D scientists

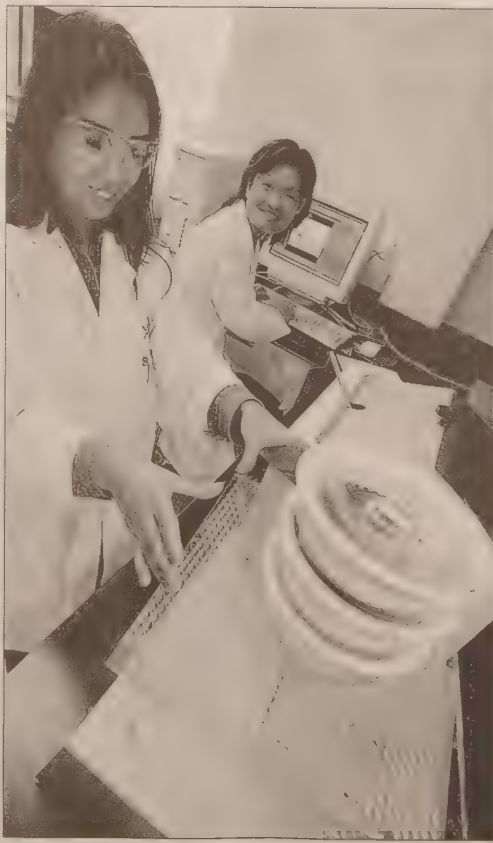
These scientists design and implement scientific research and development projects. They also may supervise other researchers and provide scientific guidance to the company staff.

Requirements: Master's or doctorate in biological science or chemistry, with two to five years of experience in research or a related discipline.

Insider tip: You'll have an edge if you can offer strong science skills along with computer experience, according to Galina Leytes, executive vice president of LIL BioSystems Inc. in Sunnyvale.

Biotechnicians

They support laboratory work and perform tasks such as operating



QUALITY CONTROL ASSOCIATES Arpa Halder, front, and Nancy Luo work in a lab at Xoma Corp.

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and cleaning cell-separating equipment and ultrafiltration devices, and running fermentation processes such as yeast factories that grow drugs.

Requirements: Two years of college-level physical science or biological science to get an entry-level position in this field.

Insider tip: This is a good way to break into the industry if you don't have a four-year degree. With experience and additional education, a biotechnician can grow into higher posts, such as assistant scientist, says Debbie Wilkins, human resources manager for Bayer Corp. in Berkeley.

Bioinformatics

They are part of a new field that merges computers and science. Bioinformatics work with science information in computer programs.

Requirements: A science or computer science degree and relevant experience.

Insider tip: The hiring edge goes to job seekers who combine a science degree with computer experience or the reverse, a computer degree with a science background, says Kristina Hathaway, human resources director for Incyte Pharmaceuticals Inc. of Palo Alto and Fremont.

Biostatisticians

They supervise research groups working with clinical trial information, and work with computer software to develop, implement and manage database systems to support lab work.

Requirements: Master's or doc-

torate in genetics with medical technologist experience or experience in a genetics testing lab.

Insider tip: This is not an entry-level job, says Janice Linver, human resources manager for the Roche Molecular Systems facilities in Pleasanton and Alameda. You'll need at least three years' experience.

Business development and sales

These professionals seek out new business opportunities and build relationships with potential customers.

Requirements: Business experience and an advanced degree in science.

Insider tip: Even though you're not engaged in science tasks, you'll need a science degree to be able to speak the language of the company's scientist customers, notes Incyte's Hathaway.

Sequencing associates

They perform the sequencing and data analysis of biological samples that will be entered into company databases.

Requirements: Some laboratory experience, or an AA degree in one of the sciences such as chemistry or biology or a related field.

Insider tip: This is a good starting point for recent college grads who are familiar with lab procedures, says Incyte's Hathaway.

Software engineers

These developers and engineers perform the same tasks they would in non-biotech applications — they create programs that automate or manage company systems. Biotech software developers and engineers analyze company needs and build

databases for biotech applications.

Requirements: Bachelor's degree; computer and science skills.

Insider tip: Science experience coupled with proficiency in programming skills such as C++, Perl, Java, etc., will open this door. If you can bring a degree in both fields (computer and science) to the table, your star will shine much brighter. Degree programs don't really exist yet for this position, notes Roche's Linver.

Senior chip quality controllers

They acquire know-how of the company's latest designs, provide FPGA synthesis for new product development, solve problems with chip manufacturers, maintain UNIX environment, run designs of chips in simulation for enhancement and look for migrations of designs to smaller geometry processes.

Requirements: Knowledge of tools and instrumentation in chip manufacturing, understanding of electronic designs, knowledge of and experience working with circuit and chip simulation tools, analog and digital, EE background and UNIX system experience.

Insider tip: Industry experience can be the difference between getting and not getting the job. FPGA skills help raise your value, says Tom Johnson, director of human resources at ReSound Corp. in Redwood City.

Electroacoustic managers

They oversee design teams at biotech companies that specialize in acoustical research and products. They develop small, high-quality acoustic systems, optimize microphone and receiver simulations, prototype hardware, characterize analog and digital sound systems, and conduct acousti-

cal research investigations.

Requirements: Degree in electrical engineering or acoustical sciences with three to five years' relevant work experience, background in acoustical design and measurements, and capabilities in miniature transducer design.

Insider tip: A background in headset or hearing aid systems will help you nail this job. Experience with acoustical measurements and IEEE-488 bus programming will be an extra plus.

DSP system designers

They analyze algorithms, implement in fixed-point assembly language on digital devices, document code to enable other programmers to understand the algorithm, implement signal processing algorithms on digital devices.

Requirements: Degree(s) in electrical or computer engineering, plus a solid foundation in digital signal processing theory, DSP assembly language programming skills, familiarity with signal processing techniques and algorithms.

Insider tip: Previous acoustics experience helps if you want to work for a company that develops hearing devices. DSP experience is a must if you're shooting for working with physical layer transceivers and switches for Ethernet applications.

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The latest wave of biotech companies offer services to researchers, from gene "libraries" and software systems to chips that help screen thousands of compounds quickly for potential medicinal use.

Many are racing the government's Human Genome Project to sequence the entire genetic code. That information could lead to better genetic screening tests and disease treatments.

"The first 20 years, we pursued molecules we kind of knew were there. Now, through the Human Genome Project and other genomic searches, we're finding enzymes we did not even know existed," said Dr. Pat Scannon, who co-founded Xoma Corp. in 1981. "That opens the possibility that we'll find uses to things in the future that no one knew about even a few years ago."

Dr. William Hurlbut, a medical doctor and bioethics professor at Stanford University, said he welcomes advances in medicine.

"Biotech has already transformed human life in the 20th century," he said. "As a physician, I look forward to the time ahead when we'll be able

to treat many diseases currently causing great human suffering."

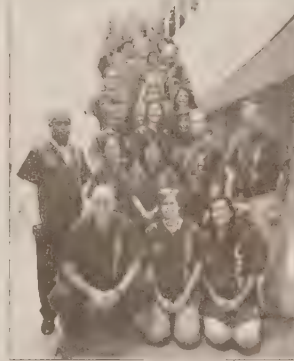
But, he said, difficulties arise. "I'm concerned about potential in cloning," Hurlbut said. "The issue that is the most troubling is the idea of actually producing humans in order to harvest organs."

He is also concerned about the ramifications of genetic engineering. "Already common for a while, screening could become routine for a whole host of things."

"It's not unlikely that from now, a child will be born with some kind of a predisposition on his or her genetic code," Hurlbut said. "Just think about all your life and about what you'll die of, the deep uncertainty of life. It's a blessing. It doesn't squelch possibility and potential."

Xoma's Scannon said concerns are valid and should be explored. But overall, he said, "In most cases, we're making natural products, and they make any other way. So, 'An enormous amount of work has come of this. I can't say the hands of the wrong people could happen. But on the other hand, I think the future of biotech is extremely positive.'"

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Implement quality systems to achieve GMP compliance and ensure interdepartmental consistency. Will include implementing new systems and documentation for new product development, acting as a technical resource for other departments, and implementing revised/new systems, policies and procedures. Your BS degree in a relevant scientific discipline should be supported by 3+ years relevant experience in an FDA-regulated GMP industry such as biotechnology, pharmaceutical or medical device. Proficiency with word processing, spreadsheet and database software and excellent written/verbal communication skills are required. Job #: 991014

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This position will assume a key role in research projects related to nucleic acid amplification, hybridization, detection and mutational analysis technologies. Requires Ph.D. in Chemistry, Biochemistry or Molecular Biology, with 1 - 3 years' postdoctoral or relevant experience. Must be proficient in nucleic acid chemistry/biochemistry/molecular biology techniques.

Sr. Clinical Affairs Scientist (Code: G99/07AE)

Designs and manages trials, as well as trains subordinates in the conduct of clinical trials. Will also design/assist in the design of clinical trial database(s). Requires a Ph.D. or equivalent in one of the life sciences, along with 3-5 years' experience designing, monitoring or managing clinical trials. Tech writing experience required to support FDA submissions and/or internal summary reports.

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Direct the research determining markers for clinically significant antiviral resistance in HIV and other viruses. A PhD in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology or Microbiology and 6 years postdoctoral experience in nucleic acid and HIV research are needed. Publication in HIV antiviral resistance research is preferred.

Research Scientist II/III

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Research Associate II

Work with the HIV Resistance Team to transfer assays to the CRTL. Responsibilities include developing assays to detect and measure drug resistance in viruses and transferring assays to a kit format. Requires a BS in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology or related field, 1-2 years experience with isolation and characterization of nucleic acids, and familiarity with basic word processing and spreadsheet programs.

DEVELOPMENT

Associate III

Work with our HIV 3.0 IVD Assay Development Team to define the standardization process. Requires a BS and 5-7 years relevant experience, or an MS and 2-4 years relevant experience; knowledge of biochemistry, molecular biology, immunology or related discipline; strong hands-on experimental technique, analytical abilities and attention to detail; and excellent communication skills. Experience with statistically based experimental design and development of medical diagnostic products (preferably nucleic acid based) is preferred, as is knowledge of chemistry or biochemistry. A self-starter able to perform in a time-sensitive, dynamic environment is ideal.

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You will direct a group in the development of training/education programs which provide information regarding nucleic acid technologies in diagnostics to internal and external customers, as well as training them in the use of our products. Requirements include a PhD in Molecular Biology, Biochemistry or Virology and 2-5 years experience in biotechnology, preferably in an industry that employs nucleic acid hybridization technology. You will need experience in teaching individuals with a wide range of technical backgrounds. A strong background in the molecular aspects of infectious diseases and the capacity to assimilate information regarding new molecular technologies and developments in both infectious and non-infectious diseases are required.

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Obtain and manage key customers in the drug discovery market. Primary responsibilities will be to attain sales of the Quantigene product and provide insights into the development, sale, and distribution of new gene expression products. Requirements include a BS in Biochemistry (or related life science) or Business; an MBA is highly recommended. You'll need at least 5 years sales and marketing experience in the biotechnology or pharmaceutical industries with knowledge of marketplace trends and customers. Strong interpersonal and communication skills are essential, along with excellent organizational and sales abilities.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Business Development Manager

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2000 Maxima, Xterra driving Nissan success

By Arnold Wechter
NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE

CARMEL VALLEY — Nissan is beset with problems, financial and otherwise, but product is no longer a worry.

The Japanese auto maker introduced three trucks built off its Frontier compact pickup platform and the long-awaited 2000 model year Maxima.

The Maxima, in a consensus of automotive journalists, is a big winner. It will be stiff competition for the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord, its major competitors.

The Xterra, a small sport-utility vehicle, is expected to be a leader in a field that includes the Toyota Rav4, Subaru Forester and Honda's CR-V.

It offers true off-road ability something the others lack.

Another big winner should be the Crew Cab, the first five-passenger, four-door compact truck in the North American market. The other truck model, the 2-wheel drive Frontier Desert Runner, is aimed at young male buyers who want a compact truck that has the appearance of a 4-wheel model but haven't the money to take the big jump.

That isn't all. Nissan also introduced a much-improved version of its compact sport-utility vehicle, the Pathfinder. It has been revised inside and out.

Available in three models, GXE, SE and GLE, the fifth generation Maxima



NISSAN'S 2000 XTERRA 4X4

represents a major advancement in Nissan's flagship sedan.

Nissan's engineers have refined the 3.0-liter DOHC V-6 (named one of the "10 Best Engines" five years running by Ward's Auto World), so it now produces 222 horsepower, far ahead of the competition.

Offered in three well-equipped models, the Maxima is aggressively styled with a handsome rear end and featuring new flush-mounted multi-parabola halogen headlights.

The GXE is the base model, while the SE is the sporty version and GLE is the luxury version.

The Maxima, according to Nissan execs, offers a balance of performance and luxury. For 2000, both sides of the equation have been enhanced.

The engine, called by Ward's "simply the best V-6 engine available in Amer-



NISSAN'S 2000 MAXIMA

ica," has been refined through the use of new intake and exhaust manifolds.

Not only has the horsepower been increased by 32, but the torque is up from 205 ft/lbs to 217 ft/lbs.

This ride is available with a choice of 5-speed manual (standard on GXE and

SE) or 4-speed electronically controlled automatic (standard on GLE) transmissions. Both have been strengthened to support the increased engine performance. Handling and stability have been improved by refining Maxima's rear Multi-Link Beam Suspension.

Standard on all models are 4-wheel disc brakes with 4-channel/4-sensor ABS along with engine-speed-sensitive power rack-and-pinion steering. A traction control system is optional.

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THE CADILLAC ESCALADE.

Caddy makes a splash with new Escalade SUV

The Cadillac Escalade may be the Cadillac of all sport utility vehicles. It's big, plush, powerful, luxurious, roomy, expensive, and much too nice for off-road venture.

As sport utility vehicles are the current rage, Cadillac dealers wanted one in their showrooms. By using one of General Motors trucks as the basis for building a body, Cadillac designed an exceptionally luxurious SUV in short order.

The Escalade is a beauty. Its paint is so attractive that I wouldn't want to drive it into a forest where a tree branch might scratch it. Nor would I want to mar with mud the hefty 16-inch tires mounted on chrome aluminum wheels.

This sport utility is loaded with subtle, thoughtful features. For example, the remote locking device delivers two horn toots when the doors are locked, no toots when unlocking, or three toots if the alarm system has been activated. What value that is, I don't know, but it's typical of Cadillac's electronic wizardry.

You'll need the stepboard to climb into this vehicle, as the Escalade is big in all directions including height. Effort to climb aboard is rewarded especially when sitting on a self-heating leather seat with ten-way power control. I don't know how the heat turns on, but I suspect it's connected to an on-board thermometer that, incidentally, will convert to a compass at the touch of a button.

This beauty is loaded with convenience buttons. Even shifting from two-wheel to four-wheel drive is accomplished with the touch of a button.

And when I was lost, help arrived via Detroit the moment I touched the button in the ceiling to activate Onstar. I told an operator where I wanted to go, and she gave me precise directions. She even knew what road I was on and what direction I was headed. Amazing!

Another thoughtful feature from Cadillac deals with keyfobs that clack against the steering column — an annoyance on many other vehicles. On

Keane on wheels

By Tom Keane

the Escalade the clacking is eliminated by a simple cushioned pad on the steering column.

There is air conditioning front and rear, plus a rear seat audio system. Even the rear seats are heated. Things like this are what makes this SUV different from the others, but whether it's worth the \$46,525 is all in the eye of the beholder.

I seldom look under the hood, but that's where the eye of this beholder gazed in wonderment. This vehicle is powered by a 5.7-liter V8 engine that produces 225 horsepower.

Better yet, it produces 330 ft.-lb. of torque at 2,800 rpm. That's the range where it is instantly effective. The downside of this powerful engine is fuel economy. EPA rating is 12 city and 16 highway, but the 30 gallon fuel tank gives it about 480 miles cruising range.

You can access storage in two ways: With the rear window raised, packages can be dropped inside, or by lowering the tailgate, there is easier access to enormous cargo space.

What I didn't like is the soft, cushioned ride. On a couple roads, I thought it was too bouncy. Fortunately, rippled roads were few and far between.

For the most part, the soft ride is not only enjoyable, but it also ties in with the ambience of the interior touched off with Zebrano wood trim.

Adding to the elegance is a Bose sound system, complete with a six-pack CD cartridge in the center console. Individual CDs and cassettes can be inserted in the system itself which is mounted on the dash.

Although the Escalade is late in arriving on the sport utility scene, it is a winner and will be most welcomed in Cadillac showrooms.

1999 CADILLAC ESCALADE

SPECIFICATIONS

- VEHICLE TYPE
 - 5-passenger, 4-door sport utility vehicle
- BASE PRICE
 - \$45,875 (as tested: \$46,525)
- ENGINE TYPE
 - V8 OHV w/SPFI
- DISPLACEMENT
 - 5.7-liter
- HORSEPOWER (net)
 - 255 at 4600 rpm
- TORQUE (lb.-ft)
 - 330 at 2800 rpm
- TRANSMISSION
 - 4-speed (4L60-E) automatic
- WHEELBASE
 - 117 in., 2984 mm
- TREAD (front/rear)
 - 63 / 64 in. 1590 / 1615 mm
- OVERALL LENGTH
 - 201 in. 5110 mm
- OVERALL WIDTH
 - 77 in., 1958 mm
- HEIGHT
 - 74 in., 1887 mm
- TURNING CIRCLE (curb-to-curb)
 - 41 ft., 12 m
- CURB WEIGHT
 - 5572 lbs., 2528 kg
- FUEL CAPACITY
 - 30 gals. 113 L
- EPA MILEAGE RATING
 - 12 city, 16 highway
- ASSEMBLY PLANT
 - Arlington, Texas
- STRONG FEATURE
 - Plush comfort
- WEAK FEATURE
 - Soft ride

Watch out for that sunshine, driver

Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage

It's worse in the winter. During the months when the sun rises late and sets early, more cars are on the move at the times when the horizon is aglare with the overwhelming orange brilliance of the sun.

Drivers heading east in the morning and west in the evening are at the mercy of piercing rays coming through the windshield directly into their eyes. Since the sun's attack at those hours is directly horizontal to the path of travel, the dazzle strikes below any sun visor reach. It's brutal. And dangerous.

Recently near Albuquerque, a semi overran a van and a car that the truck driver said were invisible in the sun's glare. Two teenagers died.

What can you do to lessen the effect of the blazing sun when it lies on the earth's horizon? The glib answer is to avoid driving at such times. Or take only roads running north and south.

But don't dismiss such thoughts too readily. If you can delay driving at the time when the sun is at its worst, do so. Fill up your tank. Have a latte and read the paper. And re-think your usual routes. Scout alternatives that might lessen your exposure to the sun at those critical hours.

Roads that run along in the lee of hills might provide a haven. Evergreens make good shade, but deciduous trees are not much help in the winter. The substitute routes may be longer, but weigh that against the increased danger of driving into or out of a low riding sun.

Anyway, it's just a temporary shift in routine. The sun will soon be higher in the sky when you are going to and from work. As for coping with the sun's onslaught, there is precious little a driver can do.

Even the usually resourceful AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety could offer no better solution than "a really good pair of sunglasses."

Indeed, sunglasses are a help. Make sure that they are dark enough to really knock down the rays' intensity and that they have polarized lenses. Only polarized lenses can kill the secondary glare bouncing off the hood.

Besides finding a different path and using sunglasses, here are some safety suggestions in the presence of a fireball on the horizon.

Clean your windshield

Wash both the inside and the outside. The inside can be fogged by residue from smoke, or the outgassing of interior plastics. Ammonia or vinegar helps cut these deposits.

Turn on your headlights

Even if you have DRL (daytime running lights), turning on your low beams helps enhance your visibility in the glare of a low-lying sun. Most DRL systems do not turn on your tail lights.

Keep a baseball cap handy

A cap won't be much help if you wear it with the bill at the back. Worn conventionally, a cap — particularly one with a longer than usual bill — can be helpful in keeping the sun out of your eyes. With a little artful dodging of the head, you can keep visual contact with important segments of your world as you drive into the sun. Because you can move your head as necessary, billed caps work better than the rigid sun visor on the car. You might also seek out tennis hats with bills of dark green see-through plastic.

Try sun blockers

Check auto-supply stores for glare fighters that attach to the visor. I have seen some that have a sliding panel of dark glass plastic that in effect extends the visor extensions can be used on the sides. (That sun streak between the visor and your mirror to send darts into your eyes whenever you check your rearview mirror.) I once ordered a mail a number of dark green plastic sheets for the hot spots and move them as they worked fine.

These adhered naturally to the glass (and peeled off as easily as location) and dulled the sun so that total blindness was not a problem. You simply put the plastic over the hot spots and move them as they worked fine.

Adjust your speed

The old standby holds that sun glare is with rain and fog in a fashion compatible with conditions. And crank up the wipers. With the listed aids you might get by, but that wicked low sun is a tough customer.

Learn how to 'read tires' for safety

Prepare to stop

By Don Chaikin

Whether you drive an economy or luxury car, a pickup or sport utility, and regardless of its age, there's something your vehicle has in common with every other one on the road. It rides on inflatable rubber tires.

Despite the fact that tires are so universal, and so seemingly simple compared with exotic underhood electronic controls, they are critical to your vehicle's performance and safety.

Each time you're ready to drive for the first time of the day, walk around the vehicle and look at each of the tires. You'll quickly learn to spot a tire that's underinflated.

Before you can judge what an underinflated tire looks like, you've got to learn how a properly inflated one appears. That requires a quality tire-inflation gauge. A good gauge will set you back \$5 to \$20.

Make sure the gauge is calibrated to read the high pressure common for temporary spare tires, usually 60 psi. Then use the gauge at least once a month to check the inflation pressures of all of your vehicle's tires, including its spare.

Get a cold tire reading.

Check the pressures before driving the car or truck for that day so the tires are "cold." The laws of

physics demand that as the temperature of a compressed gas-like the air inside a tire goes up, so does its pressure.

And since driving on tires heats them, all tire pressures are given as "cold," or whatever their temperature is while sitting around. Naturally, normal pressures will go down when the weather is cold, and up when it is hot. So it's critical that you check tire pressures after any temperature swing. Then compare your pressure readings to those specified by the auto maker.

The owner's manual will tell you where to find the decal inside the vehicle that lists the recommended inflation pressures for your vehicle. There may be more than one recommendation to cover "normal" driving, versus heavy load or sustained high-speed driving.

Check inflation pressure.

You have to first remove the protective cap from the tire valve. Some cars may have valve extender caps to give access to the valve through a thick wheel cover — these are rec-

ognizable by their length and their white center — which need not be removed. Hold the gauge head firmly and squarely on the top of the valve. You shouldn't hear any air hissing out as you check.

If the tire is overinflated, bleed some pressure by pressing down on the pin in the middle of the tire valve; recheck the pressure. If it's underinflated, you'll have to add air. If you don't have an air compressor, drive to a close-by service station.

Driving far to get the air will heat the tires. You'll have to recheck their pressure at the station to see how much inflation they gained from the drive and add enough air for them to be properly inflated after they've cooled down again.

The inflation pressure recommended by the car maker is one that's a compromise for good handling, comfortable ride and good fuel economy. Some people like to carry a bit more pressure for better fuel economy at the price of ride comfort.

Don't carry less pressure than the manufacturer recommends or you may damage the tires. And never carry more inflation pressure than the tire maker says is safe for the tire. The tire maker's recommendations for maximum inflation pres-

ures are embossed on the sidewall. Both over- and underinflation cause premature tire wear.

Look for damage and wear

Inspect both the tread — that actually contacts the road — the inner and outer sidewalls for bulges and cracks in the walls. If you find any, have them replaced.

Check the tread for damage as missing pieces between treads, nails, glass and other causes of flats. Also check how much tread is left on the tire by measuring the depth of the tread.

As the tire wears and the tread becomes more shallow, the tire has problems gaining traction on the road.

You can get an accurate reading of the tire's remaining wear by simply inserting a penny into the tire's tread, into the coin's head first, into the tread. If you can see the top of Abe's head over the time to replace the tire.

Even if there's plenty of tread left in the tread, but it's uneven, there may be a problem with your vehicle. A technician check the suspension and the wheel alignment.

State makes new automobile laws plain and simple

The California Highway Patrol has provided a list of new state laws now in effect that will affect motorists on California roadways, particularly drivers who choose to flee arrest and initiate a pursuit.

Assembly bill 2066: Fleeing a police officer

Assembly Bill 2066, authored by Assemblyman Michael Sweeney, D-Hayward, increases the penalty for fleeing a police officer, instituting a

Tough penalties for list of offenses target everything from fleeing an officer to open containers

jail sentence of at least six months for simple offenders and more than a year for reckless offenders.

Assembly bill 1382: Deadly pursuits

AB 1382, authored by Assemblyman Keith Olberg, R-Victorville, increases the prison term to three, four

or five years for those who engage in pursuits that cause serious injury or death.

Senate bill 1890: Open containers

Senate Bill 1890, authored by State Sen. Jack O'Connell, D-Santa Barbara, prohibits open alcohol con-

tainers in all off-road vehicles parked on specified public lands as campgrounds.

Assembly bill 2797: License fee reduced

AB 2797, authored by Assemblyman Dennis Cardozo, D-Santa Barbara, provides for a 25-percent reduction in the vehicle license fee and future reductions if approved by the state General Fund.



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Ask the auto doc

By Junior Damato

Doctor: Last September, I bought a 1999 Plymouth Grand Voyager that the dealer told me had a CD player for the radio. To save a little money, I asked the dealer to switch the factory radio for a CD player for \$100. One day, while driving, I noticed a noise coming from the dashboard like a wrist watch. I turned the radio off and the noise stopped. I could hear the sound, but I could not find any problem. I asked the dealer to take the dashboard apart and install a new radio. The dealer said the sound is coming from the dashboard. I have lost confidence in this truck. What do you think? Carl

trailer, the engine shuts off without warning. I tried to restart the engine immediately, but the starter motor wouldn't turn the engine over. After a 15 minute wait, the engine restarted, but in about 5 more miles, it shut off and I had to wait again. I got off the freeway and drove to the closest dealer. They checked the computer for trouble codes and none was found. They found a dirty positive battery connection, cleaned and tightened it. I have lost confidence in this truck. What do you think? Carl

Dear Carl: Your diesel truck does have a lot of electronics that control engine management, including the throttle control. For your engine to shut off and the starter not engage for 15 minutes, the power or ground to the starter circuit had to be lost. The possibilities are many; the most common problem is loose/dirty connections that fail when they become heated. It is possible that the battery connection was your problem. Suggest to the dealer to have all accessories on, including the high beams, air conditioning, and rear defogger, and then do a wiggle test of all wire connections.

Idle speed a problem

Dear Doctor: I own a 1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera, purchased new and driven about 7,000 miles a year. It has an ongoing problem with the idle speed and stalling. When I start the engine it will rev up to 2000 to 2500 rpm's. Sometimes it will go down to 1200 rpm. It will also stall out, while other times it works perfectly. I have been to the dealer and so called specialists many times and they replaced the computer, TCC solenoid, EGR valve, and sensors, and given me a major tune up, and I still have the same problem. Can you help? Dom

Dear Dom: Our Mitchell On-Demand system lists 10 bulletins and updates on idle problems on your car. I would start by disconnecting the EGR valve for testing purposes only. If the car now idles fine, take it to your dealer or local repair shop. There is also a relearn idle procedure that needs to be followed.

My headlights flash

Dear Doctor: I own a 1988 Ford Escort GT. When driving at night with the headlights on, they will begin to flash off and on as if I were turning

them off and on after about 15 minutes. The other lights will continue to work fine. What do you think could be the problem? Frank

Warm idle woes

Dear Doctor: I own a 1988 Chrysler LeBaron with a rough idle problem. The idle will also go up and down. This occurs only after the engine is warm. When the engine is cold or in neutral it runs smoothly. I have had a major tune up with no help. George

Dear George: The idle speed is controlled by the computer. For the idle speed to hunt up and down, the computer is trying to compensate for another problem. An EGR valve that isn't seated fully will cause this problem. A small vacuum leak is also possible. A complete engine test should show up the problem, also the use of propane around all possible vacuum leak areas can lead you to the source of the problem.

Help me disable airbag

Dear Doctor: I am a rural mail carrier and use my 1998 Blazer from the passenger seat, without the seat belt, and the seat pulled all the way forward. I would like to have an on/off switch installed for the passenger side airbag. I have made many attempts to receive authorization from NHTSA and have been denied. I have also written many letters as well. Their reply is that I do not fall into their three categories for risk. Is there any other agency to which I could appeal? How could I disconnect the airbag myself? Laura

Dear Laura: In most cases NHTSA is fair with authorization forms on installing on/off air bag switches. However, for whatever reason, they feel your request doesn't fall into their criteria. The next step is a letter from your doctor, or maybe you may transport a small child on a regular basis that requires a child safety seat that needs to be up front. There are many ways around the authorization system. Do not try to disconnect the air bag system yourself. Also, AirBag Options in Texas could be of assistance, but I do not know their address.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

Your road work may pay off at tax time

By Jan Zobel, EA

Recordkeeping is the key to taking car expenses on your tax return for maximum tax savings. To know how many total miles you've driven during the year, you need to know how many miles were driven.

January 1, write down your odometer reading and you'll have the total mileage for the year. The number of miles driven during the year is not as easy as it seems. You can begin counting your miles when you leave your home to another business trip. If you don't have a home office, you can begin counting the miles from the trip to and from home is deductible commuting. You can also deduct miles, commuting to your home or from your home to a business post office or supplier. From home to that office will be commuting, but from the office to your business mileage is deductible.

If you'll keep a log or note your car in which you write down the beginning and end of your trip for each business trip or note how many business miles you drive each day. In either case, note what business location you visited.

It's easy once you get

into the habit, many people don't want to be bothered keeping a car log. If you're one of those people, see if one of the following methods works better for you.

■ Note in your appointment book how many business miles you drive each day.

■ If you go on the same route or to the same location regularly, measure the distance once and count the number of times you make the trip during the year.

■ If you use your vehicle primarily for business, instead of keeping track of the business miles, keep track of the number of personal miles you drive.

■ If your business driving is similar throughout the year, keep detailed records for one month of each quarter or for one week of each month and project your annual business mileage from those figures.

Once you know the total number of miles the car was driven for the year and how many of those were for business, there are two possible ways of deducting your car expenses.

The first is called the actual expense method. To use this method, add together your expenses for gas, oil, repairs, insurance, auto club membership, car license, and loan interest or lease payments. Then multiply the total expenses by the percentage you use the car for business.

Add depreciation on the car to this figure (unless you lease the car), along with your business parking and tolls. The end result is your total business car expense.

The second method of deducting car expenses, the mileage rate method, is calculated by multiplying the number of business miles you drove during the year by 32.5¢ a mile (31¢ a mile beginning April 1).

The only expenses that can be added to the 32.5¢ a mile is the business percentage of car loan interest and car registration, and business parking and tolls. All other expense are considered to be covered by the 32.5¢-a-mile deduction.

The recordkeeping for car use may seem tedious but, since this is often a sizable expense for your business, the resulting tax deduction will make your efforts worthwhile.

Jan Zobel, EA is a Montclair tax professional (enrolled agent) who, for 20 years, has specialized in working with self-employed people. This article is excerpted from her book *Minding Her Own Business: The Self-Employed Woman's Guide to Taxes and Recordkeeping* (East-Hill Press) which is available for \$16.95 at bookstores or from the publisher.

PEOPLE'S CAR

BMW says it will be the first car manufacturer to put cars on the road using a fuel cell battery to generate electricity. A number of hydrogen-driven 7 Series sedans are being readied in time for next year's global EXPO 2000 Clean Energy Project. In the 7 Series, the compact fuel cell battery occupies the space of a conventional lead-acid battery. However, the unit exceeds the standard battery in terms of performance and endurance.

DELAYING TEEN DRIVING

Graduated licensing laws are rapidly being enacted in the U.S. and Canada. Six provinces and 24 states have some form of graduated teen licensing laws. For a copy of studies done on delayed teen driving write: Publications, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1005 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22201.

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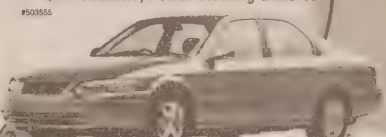
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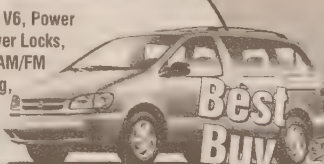


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1999 Chevy Tracker at home on the range or commute

If sport utility vehicles were horses, working cowboys would ride a 1999 Chevrolet Tracker — the quarter horse of sport utes.

Quarters don't boast the classic elegance of Arabians, nor the refined speed of Thoroughbreds. But for the hard, dirty round-up jobs, a quarter horse is tough to beat.

The same goes for the new Tracker.

This small SUV is definitely at its best on the range. I tested the four-door 4WD Tracker over Virginian ranch country. It dodged cows with the agility of a colt, eased up muddy hills, raced across pastures, and splashed through small streams. Chevrolet engineers told me the Tracker's new snorkel intake allows it to ford streams with water as high as the hood. That's almost amphibious.

Tracker performed all of its 4x4 chores with ease.

Built in Ingersoll, Canada through a joint Chevrolet-Suzuki venture, Tracker and its twin, Suzuki Vitara, compete against some very popular models — the Toyota RAV4, the Honda CR-V and the Subaru Forester. A complete makeover has discarded Tracker's old sardine-can styling.

Smooth curves, flared fenders, rounded flanks and a subtly styled grille have brought it up to par with these contemporaries.

However, Tracker offers distinct advantages over them in structure, off-road prowess, and price.

It bucks the trend among competitors for lightweight car-based unibody designs. Tracker is a true truck,

Get off the road

By Christopher Keane

constructed with a rigid body-on-ladder-box steel frame — and should provide tested, durable, heavy-duty performance.

The chassis sports a five-link rear suspension with coil springs and gas shocks, and a MacPherson independent strut front suspension. Although this translated into a typical truck-like ride on the pavement, it provided excellent stiffness for off-road control.

New standard power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering kept the handling smooth and tight. An excellent 97.6-inch wheelbase and wider track kept the Tracker's stance balanced. Even with the rugged design, engine and road noise were surprisingly soft. Noise has been significantly dampened on this new design.

Another advantage for Tracker is its true two-speed four-wheel drive system. Unlike the all-wheel drive competition, Tracker's low gear provides tractor-like power for extreme rock crawling and towing up to 1,500 pounds.

New shift-on-the-fly 4WD allowed shifting between 2WD and 4WD at any time below 62 mph. With 15-inch wheels, oversize all-season tires and an excellent 8-inches of ground clearance, Tracker is well-prepared for off-road excursions.



THE '99 TRACKER.

Porsche happy to find supply of 911s, Boxsters in great demand

Resisting the pressures of smallness is second nature to Porsche, maker of some of the most lusted-after cars in the marketplace. While other niche players are being swallowed up by bigger car makers, tiny Porsche not only survives, but prospers. The 911 and Boxster are among the car industry's most enthusiastic models.

In fact, Porsche has difficulty producing enough Boxsters to fill demand. Even with additional production from a factory in Finland,

Down the road

By Herb Shuldiner

Boxsters virtually roll off delivery trucks into the hands of customers, some of whom have been waiting months for the opportunity to drive one away. Despite this popularity, Porsche is virtually a boutique car maker. It has a total capacity of only 40,000 cars annually.

So how does tiny Porsche sur-

vive? Even Volvo, with a production capacity ten times greater than Porsche's, was recently sold to Ford because its owners felt the Swedish company was too small to compete with bigger car companies. There's no simple answer to this question. Porsche's engineering innovation and excellence may offer clues to how a small niche car manufacturer can prosper. In addition, Porsche's racing tradition that includes 16 wins at LeMans 24-hour punishing races also inspires a craving for the Ger-

man-engineered sports car.

The 911 Carrera 4 is Porsche's newest model and it bristles with the engineering innovations sports car fans expect from the German car maker. Its engine generates abundant power and the car hurtles around corners as though its tires stay glued to the road. Designed to compete with the Jaguar XK8, BMW 850, Mercedes SL 500 and 600 models, Dodge Viper, Acura NSX and Ferrari sports cars, Porsche 911 Carrera 4 is well equipped to more than

hold its own in this august company.

Porsche engineers have added a new traction control system and a viscous coupling that give the Carrera 4 outstanding all-wheel drive traction and an astonishing ability to take the tightest corners with virtually no body roll.

The viscous clutch from ZF provides all-wheel drive to give the Carrera 4 optimum traction during acceleration, but can deliver a maximum of 40 percent power to the front wheels. That allows the car to

retain its bias as a rear-drive car and maintain its superior abilities.

Under normal driving of the Carrera 4 is a rear-drive car. But if wheel sensors detect front wheels begin to spin, con fluid in the viscous clutch up and puts increasing against a series of disks in This transfers power to wheels — up to 40 percent.

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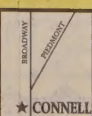
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Satellite dishes available for moving vehicles, of all things

Television in a moving vehicle has long been a dream — or a nightmare — and it is finally here.

Using technology originally created for supplying television to boats, KVH Industries of Middletown, R.I., is now offering TracVision LM, a device that delivers direct broadcast satellite (DBS) programming to vehicles on the road in North America.

Martin Kits van Heyningen, president and CEO of KVH, says "TracVision LM is an effective, reliable and affordable system that maintains satellite contact in mobile environments by sensing vehicle motion and automatically adjusting the antenna position."

Prior to the development of TracVision LM, van Heyningen says, the most affordable and commonly used options for Recreational Vehicles and other road-going vehicles

Aftermarket reviews

By Alex Law

were self-acquiring or crank-up units that could receive satellite television only while the vehicles were at rest.

"KVH was able to meet the challenge of delivering cost-effective, stable, in-motion satellite reception for land vehicles by building upon our experience in designing stabilized television and telephone systems for the marine industry, where we are a world leader for such products," says van Heyningen.

The first market for this new toy involves the quarter-million or so RVs already equipped with satellite TV systems that don't work in motion, KVH believes. But there's also a potentially huge market for people who

won't mind putting a moderately-sized hole in the roof of their vehicle so the dish can receive signals from those program satellites.

KVH suggests people with vans, sport utility vehicles, RVs and mobile offices are the likeliest owners, but virtually any vehicle would hold this system if the owner wanted it.

TracVision LM interfaces with VCRs and computers in cars, tying up with these systems through receivers that provide access to satellite TV and music from DirecTV and the DISH Network. Van Heyningen says KVH expects to add broadcast Internet access in the near future for real-time news, stock market data and weather information.

"TracVision LM raises the bar for flexibility and features in the land mobile market, which includes RVs, SUVs, vans, minivans, motor

coaches, buses, trains, and long-haul trucks," said Jim Dodek, KVH's vice president of marketing and sales support.

TracVision LM is the smallest in-motion land system available and retails for \$2,995, which does not include TVs, receivers or installation. The system weighs about 33 pounds with all components inside a flush-mount antenna dome that can be installed in approximately two hours on vehicles pre-wired with power and RF cables. More information about the system and the company can be found at www.kvh.com, or call KVH at 401/847-3327.

CDs vulnerable

When CDs first started to come onto the market in the 80s, one of the most compelling things about them was their indestructibility, at

least their indestructibility compared to that of records. Well, it turned out that reports of their inability to die were greatly exaggerated, as anyone who has a skipping CD will surely testify. They're still not as fragile as records or cassettes, but CDs do require a certain amount of care if they're to deliver their best sound or even survive.

You can, it must be said, prevent damage to your CDs if you take the time to handle them with proper care, but that's often difficult when you're using them in a car. To help with this problem, a Calgary, Alberta-based company called Digital Armor is offering a protective container that protects a CD from most types of damage, but will still let it be played in most types of CD players without a reduction in sound quality.

CD Armor attaches to both sides

of the disc with an interlocking Any damage that would be done to the disc itself by the CD Armor, so if it finally breaks, obvious you can remove the aged wrapper and put on a new The package you should consider consists of the armor device and six CD shields for a and a 15-pack refill for \$15.

As mentioned, CD Armor is compatible with most car CD players you can check it out at www.mor.com. You can also order it or call 800/393-9449 and ask for Digital Armor. For product information, call Digital Armor Inc. at 877/333-MOR or 403/265-7225. But if you're wondering, the discs will fit in most CD holders with the protective CD Armor coating.

Nissan

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The new model offers a 2.0-inch longer wheelbase and 2.4 additional cubic feet of passenger space. A stylish "wave" design with a sweeping console makes the interior much more stylish.

Capable of towing 5,000 pounds, the all-new 2000 Nissan Xterra should cut a wide swath through the subcompact sport-utility niche.

It offers a choice of a 270-horsepower 3.3-liter SOHC V-6 producing 200 ft/lbs of torque at a low 2800 rpm or a 143-horsepower 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine producing 154 ft/lbs of torque.

Both versions are available with either a 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic and the choice of part-time 4-wheel drive with 2-speed transfer case of rear-wheel drive.

Based on the Nissan Frontier 4x4 pickup platform, the Xterra is described by Jerry Hirschberg, president of Nissan Design International, as a "return to the soul of the sport utility vehicle."

The Xterra name was selected to help distinguish it from the slightly larger, more sophisticated current generation Nissan Pathfinder. Its name is intended to reinforce the connection to the earth (terrain) and the adventurous lifestyle of its tar-

get buyers.

Because of its off-road ability when equipped with 4WD, the Xterra has a definite advantage over the leading subcompact competitors.

The press drove the Xterra through some of the trails at the Hollister Hills off-road park and it proved extremely competent. Nissan embargoed any driving impressions of all its new models until April 30, and so we'll not say anymore.

We're convinced the Xterra will provide Nissan with an extremely strong competitor in this market segment.

Nissan's designers and engineers created the Xterra for a new generation of younger, active buyers, so affordability was the key requirement. It will be built at Nissan Motor Manufacturing Corp. U.S.A., the award-winning plant in Smyrna, Tenn.

Xterra's headlights, front bumper, hood, A-pillars and front doors are common to Frontier.

Nissan said pricing is expected to be in line with many mini-SUVs when it is announced closer to Xterra's on-sale date in June.

In 1959, Nissan imported a new model to the U.S., the compact Datsun Pickup. It was not just a new vehicle, it represented an entirely new concept and market. Today, compact trucks are among the best-selling vehicles in the U.S. and the world.

The introduction of the Frontier

Crew Cab, the first true 4-door compact pickup introduced to the U.S. market, and the 2-wheel drive Desert Runner continue Nissan's role as an innovator in the compact truck segment.

The Crew Cab, set to go on sale in May as a 2000 model, will be the flagship of the already extensive Nissan Frontier lineup, which includes 2-wheel drives, 4-wheel drives, four- and six-cylinder, regular and King Cab models.

With four full-size doors, the Crew Cab offers a stylish statement currently unseen in the U.S. market. Nissan believes it will combine the practicality of an SUV with the utility of a pickup.

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A 3-liter V-6 with 170 horsepower and 200 ft/lbs of torque is standard equipment. The Crew Cab is available with a 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic and 2-wheel and 4-wheel drive driveline systems. The 4WD system features automatic locking hubs and a shift-on-

the-fly feature at speeds up to 50 mph and an optional limited-slip differential.

Nissan created the Frontier Desert Runner to have the 4x4 look and ride height without the extras associated with a 4x4 system such as higher sticker price and insurance rates.

Inspired by vehicles that are used by off-road racers to pre-run a desert racing course. Instead of taking their 4WD race trucks to check out the course before the race, they use specially modified 2WD trucks with a high ride height, skid plates and large tires and wheels, capable of traversing the rough terrain, albeit at slower speeds.

The 1995 1/2 Nissan Pathfinder, which goes on sale this month (March) features aggressive new front and rear styling, improved engine horsepower, new interior appointments and a new model the SE Limited.

Nissan is making the Pathfinder the luxury SUV in its lineup. It offers the go-anywhere ability of the Xterra but its ride, handling and performance is much improved. It rides more like a car than a truck.

The new lineup should provide Nissan to regain its place in the U.S. automotive market and at the same time bring the corporation back to profitability.

Porsche

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power on a slippery road.

It is an automatic system and works without the driver even knowing what is taking place. And because the viscous clutch is such a compact unit, it adds only 121 pounds in the weight of the vehicle compared to the rear-drive Carrera.

The Porsche Stability Management system is an electronic traction control with two methods of maintaining vehicle stability. The first is by automatically applying individual wheel brakes to correct oversteer or understeer conditions when cornering.

Understeer is a handling condition in which there is a deviation between the plane of rotation and the direction of travel of a tire. A car that is understeering resists turning and tends to go straight.

Oversteer causes a vehicle to turn more sharply than a driver intends. An oversteering car is usually one that has a rear end that swings wide during a sharp turn. PSM corrects oversteer by applying the brake on the outer front wheel.

To minimize understeer, PSM applies the brake on the inner rear wheel. All of this happens in milliseconds before a driver can realize what is happening.

With all the performance built

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into the Carrera 4, you might be tempted to sacrifice something. But it contains all the comforts of sedans. Comfortable seats, your back and give lots of support to the lumbar region. Ventilation audio systems provide other features to make the miles pass pleasantly.

Eventually, economic conditions could make Porsche vulnerable to takeover by a bigger company, as long as it can make cars like the Carrera 4 so appealing and profitable. Porsche may remain the ultimate niche car company.

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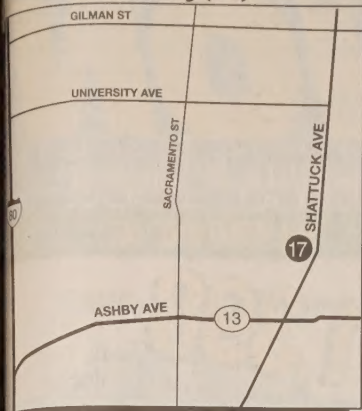
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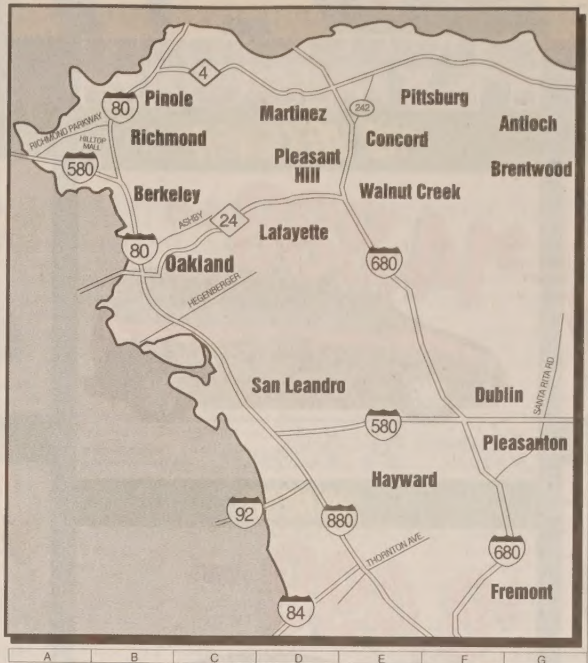
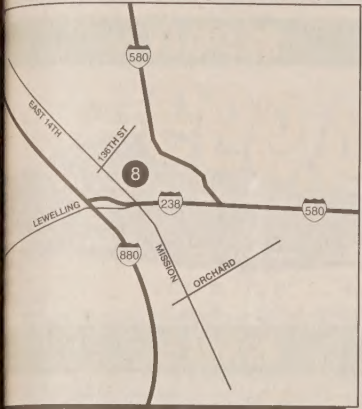
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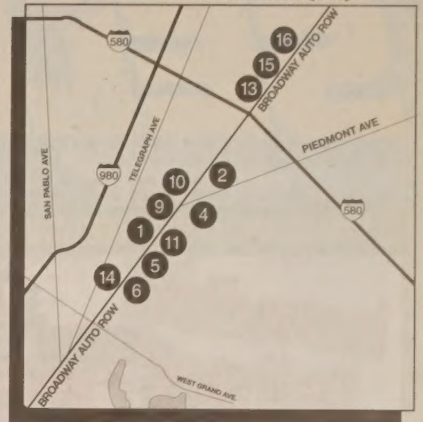
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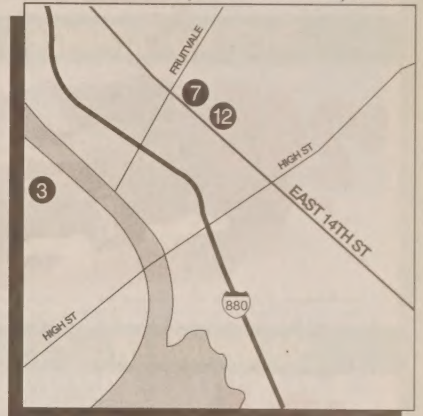
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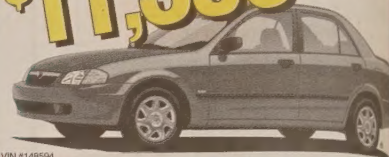
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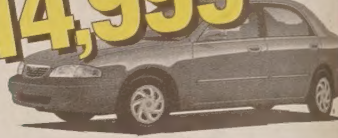
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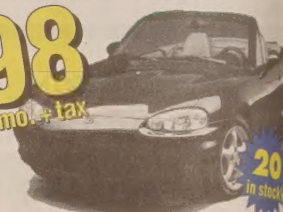
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